

The Hongkong Telegraph.

WEATHER FORECAST.
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THE WAR IN EUROPE.

TURKEY WANTS FIGHTING STOPPED.

VICTORS WILL NOT AGREE TO FOREIGN INTERVENTION REGARDING PEACE CONDITIONS.

(Reuter's Service To The "Telegraph.")

London, November 4

A telegram from Reuter's Paris correspondent says that M. Poincaré, in his proposal regarding mediation in the Balkans, suggested that prior to mediation the Powers should make a declaration pledging themselves not to take up any territorial claims themselves. Great Britain and Russia have accepted, but Germany and Austria have not yet replied.

The French Ambassador at Vienna in conversations with Count Berchtold clearly indicated that France in no wise intended to ask Austria-Hungary to ignore her economic interest, but the tone of the Austro-Hungarian Press comments are regarded as precluding a refusal.

Reuter's Vienna correspondent says the Press severely criticises M. Poincaré's proposal, declaring that Austria cannot bind herself in advance without knowing the consequences of the war.

TURKEY BOWS TO FATE.

The Porte's application to the Powers asks for their mediation with the view to the cessation of hostilities and negotiation for peace. The news is not yet known to the public, though a carefully worded Communiqué distributed to the local Press is obviously intended to prepare the country to bow to the fate of the war. It says that "the fortune of war varies, and that it is impossible to be victorious everywhere. People making war must submit with resignation to all its consequences, neither rejoicing inordinate at victories nor despairing at defeats. Thus, while Ottoman arms were successfully holding their own in the Skutari and Janina districts, the Eastern Army were obliged to retire from Luleburgaz and Viza to the Chatalja lines to enable them to offer a successful resistance."

Following the official announcements, the Army has successfully resumed the offensive in various directions.

The Communiqué has caused universal amazement.

GREEK ADVANCE.

A message from Reuter's correspondent at Salonika of the 27th ult. states that a complete Greek division landed at Stavros, in the north-east corner of Chaleis, and occupied Pologryos. They are marching toward Salonika, accompanied by 6,000 well-armed Greek peasants.

GENERAL IN IRONS.

General Kadry Pasha, who is alleged to be responsible for the defeat at Kumanovo, has been sent to Constantinople in irons.

An official announcement in Constantinople says that the Eastern Army has been compelled to retire on the Chatalja lines.

THE LAST STAND.

A telegram from Constantinople states that the retreat to Chatalja was followed by most murderous fighting on Saturday to the south of Luleburgaz. The Turks put up a splendid resistance, but were finally overwhelmed by the Bulgarians' terrific artillery fire. It is stated that they lost over 20,000. A supreme effort will be made at Chatalja to reform the troops and save the capital.

THE DARDANELLES.

A message from Reuter's correspondent at Constantinople states that, in response to an application by the Ambassadors, the Porte has granted permission for the passage through the Dardanelles of one warship of each nation.

It is officially stated that reports of the mobilisation of the British Navy are unfounded. They apparently originated through an order to certain of the nucleus flotillas to coal and take in stores, as a test. No movement of ships from Home waters is contemplated.

GREEK DENIAL.

The Greeks deny vehemently the reported defeat of the Crown Prince; on the contrary, they state that he won a great victory at Yenitza.

NAVAL MOVEMENTS.

Two German and six Austrian warships have been ordered to the Levant.

The British Third Battle Squadron arrives at Malta on Wednesday.

FRANCE AND AUSTRIA.

The Austrian dislike of M. Poincaré's proposed declaration of disinterestedness is believed to arise from resentment at the implied distrust of Austrian intentions.

The French Press is disposed to be angry at the Austrian non-acceptance of what was intended to be a straightforward proposal.

THE DISILLUSIONMENT.

The people of Constantinople are slowly realising the facts of the situation, which had hitherto been carefully concealed from them. The anxiety and perturbation are increased by the arrival of hosts of fugitives in a most pitiable state of destitution. The military is requisitioning bread, of which the public sale is forbidden until the afternoon.

BULGARIAN CAPTURES.

Reuter's correspondent at Sofia wires that the Bulgarians, after fierce fighting, have captured Buk, on the Salonika-Constantinople Railway, thus finally cutting off the Turkish Macedonia Army.

The Bulgarian Eastern Army on Saturday repulsed a Turkish attack at Banarhisar, routing the Turks and capturing five officers and 1,300 men, as well as a quick-firing battery.

TURKEY'S APPEAL.

Later.

Reuter's correspondent at Paris states that the Porte has addressed to the French Government a request that the Powers intervene to arrest hostilities and to impose an armistice on the Balkanites. France has replied that this would be impossible without infringing international law and appearing to side against the Balkanites; but she is ready to consider with the Powers the request for mediation proper.

CAUTIOUS BRITAIN.

Reuter learns that Britain is communicating with the other Powers before replying to Turkey's request for mediation.

THE PROPOSALS.

Later.

Pourparlers between the Powers are already proceeding upon the basis of M. Poincaré's proposals, and they are likely to be expedited by the Porte's application. M. Poincaré proposed recognition of the political and administrative changes in the parts occupied by the Allies; the retention of the Sultan's sovereignty in Constantinople and the surrounding region; and the summoning of a European Conference to which the Balkan States should be invited.

TELEGRAMS.

THE WAR IN EUROPE.

DISAGREEMENT UNLIKELY.

Reuter's (Service to the "Telegraph.") London, November 4.

Reuter learns from Balkan diplomatic sources that there is no chance of the Balkanites agreeing to any foreign intervention regarding the conditions of peace. The whole campaign and political programme were pre-arranged before the war and there is not the least danger of any disagreement regarding the division of territories or the definition of boundaries.

PROTECTION OF BRITISHERS.

In the House of Commons Mr. Asquith announced that H.M.S. Weymouth arrived at Besikabak on the 2nd inst. and is going to Constantinople. He added that Sir Gerald Lowther, British Ambassador, has detained the steamer City of Chinos in case Britishers are endangered. Another warship would be stationed at Salonika.

THE CLEVELAND.

We are informed by the Manager of the Hamburg Amerika Linie that the Company's s.s. Cleveland left Villefranche on November 1st for Eastern ports.

The Cleveland, which is well known in Hongkong, set out from New York on October 19th, reaching Madeira on the 27th and Gibraltar on the 29th. She has on board four hundred passengers, mostly American, who are making the "Around the World" Tour. She is due to arrive at Hongkong on December 24 and will remain here four days, thus enabling the tourists to see the whole of the Colony, and to visit Canton and Macao.

From here the vessel will proceed to Tsingtau, and then on to Honolulu, via the Japanese ports; she will remain one day at Honolulu before sailing for her destination, San Francisco, which she is timed to reach on January 31.

JAPANESE CREMATORIUM.

A goodly sized crematorium is being erected by the Japanese community at the back of the valley behind Causeway Bay. A portion of the hillside has been levelled and a handsome wall with ornamental ironwork gates has been erected on the north side of the piece of land set aside for the crematorium. The furnace is in the south west corner and though not at present complete, has the fire box in position and the tray for conveying the remains into the furnace proper. Draught is obtained downward and the fumes are subsequently carried away through a short square chimney.

POSSESSION OF ARMS.

At the Police Court this morning six Chinese were charged in connection with the unlawful possession of arms and ammunition. The first man was said to have several rifles and revolvers and cartridges and the five others a quantity of percussion caps in their possession.

The first man was fined \$200 and one of the others fined \$100, whilst the rest were discharged.

Inspector Kerr had the case in hand.

TYPHOON WARNING.

The telegram quoted below was received from the Manila Observatory by the American Consulate General Hongkong, at 12.10 p.m. today.

Cyclone or Typhoon—Pacific Ocean, about halfway between the Carolines and the Philippines moving W. or W.N.W.

TELEGRAMS.

U. S. PRESIDENCY.

WILSON THE FAVOURITE.

Reuter's (Service to the "Telegraph.") London, November 4.

Reuter's correspondent at New York wires that the betting on the Presidential Election is 5 to 1 in favour of Mr. Woodrow Wilson.

THE SIBERIAN ROUTE.

Its Growing Importance and Popularity.

The great changes which are being made in railway and sea communications to the Far East require to be carefully studied by all who have interests in that part of the world, says "Engineering."

The construction of the Suez Canal caused what was practically a revolution in trade in Far Eastern ports, and when the Panama Canal has been completed the whole position will again be changed. The importance of the Siberian route has not yet been fully recognised, and some ideas regarding it which are held by merchants and manufacturers, both in this country and in the United States, require to be reconsidered.

The American Consul-General in Hongkong, in a recent report, remarked that there seems to be a well-defined impression among American exporters that in many respects the United States has the advantage of Europe in transportation and communication with China and the Far East. At one time this was largely the case, but the advent of the Siberian Railway has revolutionised the situation, and so far as mail and express communication is concerned Europe now has an immense advantage over the United States in its relation to South China, as well as to North China and Japan.

How it affects Hongkong. With regard to freight connections the Pacific Coast of the United States and the average European port have about the same advantages with respect to Hongkong. North and east of Hongkong, in China, and in Japan, freight by water communication from the west coast of the United States has a great advantage over that from Europe.

South and west of Hongkong the advantage is with freight from Europe instead of from the Pacific Coast. However, even in this respect, the advantage of the United States in Japan, and Central and North China, at present is more apparent than real, for the vast mass of freight from the United States to the East is from the Eastern and Southern States, and must be brought overland to the East Coast and shipped by way of Suez. For mail by sea Hongkong also is substantially the dividing point of advantage between Europe and the United States. Mails from Paris and London for Hongkong arrive in substantially the same time as they do from New York—say, 32 days on the average.

Once a month the United States has a mail by way of Canada's subsidised mail line, taking about 28 days from New York. In mail by sea the United States has the advantage of Europe in all parts of the Far East north and east of Hongkong. However, this advantage has been lost in the development of the Siberian mail service. The Trans-Siberian route development is a matter of world-wide importance. When some of the lines which are being constructed are completed the time from London to Peking will be reduced to 9-12 days. With the completion of the present railway improvements in Manchuria the trip to Japan will be shortened by two days, and at the same rate, and with the Kwantung line complete, the trip from Paris to Peking will be made in eight days. These changes justify the opinion that the engineer is the real revolutionist.

TELEGRAMS.

THE TSAREVITCH.

EFFECTS OF ACCIDENT.

Reuter's (Service to the "Telegraph.") London, November 4.

An official telegram from St. Petersburg states that the illness of the Tsarevitch is due to an accident sustained in jumping on the boat Byeloritch. He will probably be deprived of the free use of his legs for a long time.

At first nothing was noticeable, but on the 20th of September there was painful swelling of the left groin, due to an effusion of blood in the abdomen. After three weeks' treatment he was able to rise, but on the 11th of October, whilst walking unaided, he fell. On the 15th ult. a fresh and worse effusion occurred, causing such swelling that the whole groin projected over the centre line of the abdomen. His recovery is bound to be most slow.

[The Tsarevitch is Grand Duke Alexis Nicholasievitch, the heir apparent of Russia, and he is eight years of age.]

INTERPORT CRICKET.

Selections for the team to meet Shanghai.

The committee for the interport cricket have already made selections for the team which is to meet Shanghai in the Interport contest which starts on Monday Nov. 11. There can be little doubt that those made so far will prove popular with those who have watched the progress of the games which have been played this season with a view to ascertaining the available talent in the colony.

The Shanghai players are due to arrive here on Thursday by the Empress boat and the first match that will be played will be against Hongkong proper. For this match Monday and Tuesday have been set aside; Wednesday will be an off day and on Thursday and Friday the Shanghai team will meet an eleven from the United Services.

Up to the present seven players have been selected and they may be said to represent an all round selection from the players available. Naturally batting has been well considered but attention has been paid to the necessity of getting the best possible bowling without in any way weakening the strength of the side as far as run getting is concerned. The selections to date are as follow:—

R. Hancock, Capt.
Lt. A. G. White,
A. A. Claxton,
H. Hancock,
Lieut. Col. Dempsey,
Lt. H. F. Christiansen,
G. R. Sayer.

The last three are about the safest bowling trio that could be picked. Dempsey's averages for the season up to the present are 4 wickets for 51; 0 for 20; 1 for 23; 2 for 33; and 0 for 17; Christian 5 for 95; 5 for 39; 2 for 31; and 1 for 41; and Sayer 2 for 20; 3 for 45; 1 for 9. It will be seen that the bowling does not present any prominent features nor is it above the average to any great extent, but Christian at all events is to be relied on for consistency, while the batting of the three is by no means a negligible quantity.

With the bat the seven selected should do well if they come off. We do not remember that R. Hancock has appeared on the creases this season but he has a knack of coming off when the occasion demands it, while his appointment as captain should please everyone. The scores which the others have made during the season are: Lt. White 13; 12 not out; on two or three occasions White has been playing but has had no chance to bat; Claxton, 52 not out; 49 not out; Hancock, 30; 14 and 27; Dempsey, 28; 31; 15; 8 not out; Christian, 5; 1; Sayer, 40 not out; 6; 39 not out; 5 not out and 27.

NEWS FOR BUSY MEN.

TELEGRAMS.

THE NEWS CONDENSED.

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LOCAL.

A small fire doing little damage is reported from Shauiwan.

A man who threw himself into the water, so it is alleged, has died in the hospital.

For not proving adequate kitchen accommodation at houses 18 and 20 Reclamation Street, Yau-mat, a Chinese has been fined \$25.

A woman and four passengers along with two children have been thrown into the water from a sampan at Blake Pier. All were rescued.

A fine of \$200 on one man and \$100 on another was imposed at the Police Court this morning in connection with a charge of being in unlawful possession of arms and ammunition.

John Saxton Dunn, the man discharged over the Minnesota affair, will not return by the ship, but will wait here until such time as the American Consul can arrange for his passage by a another vessel.

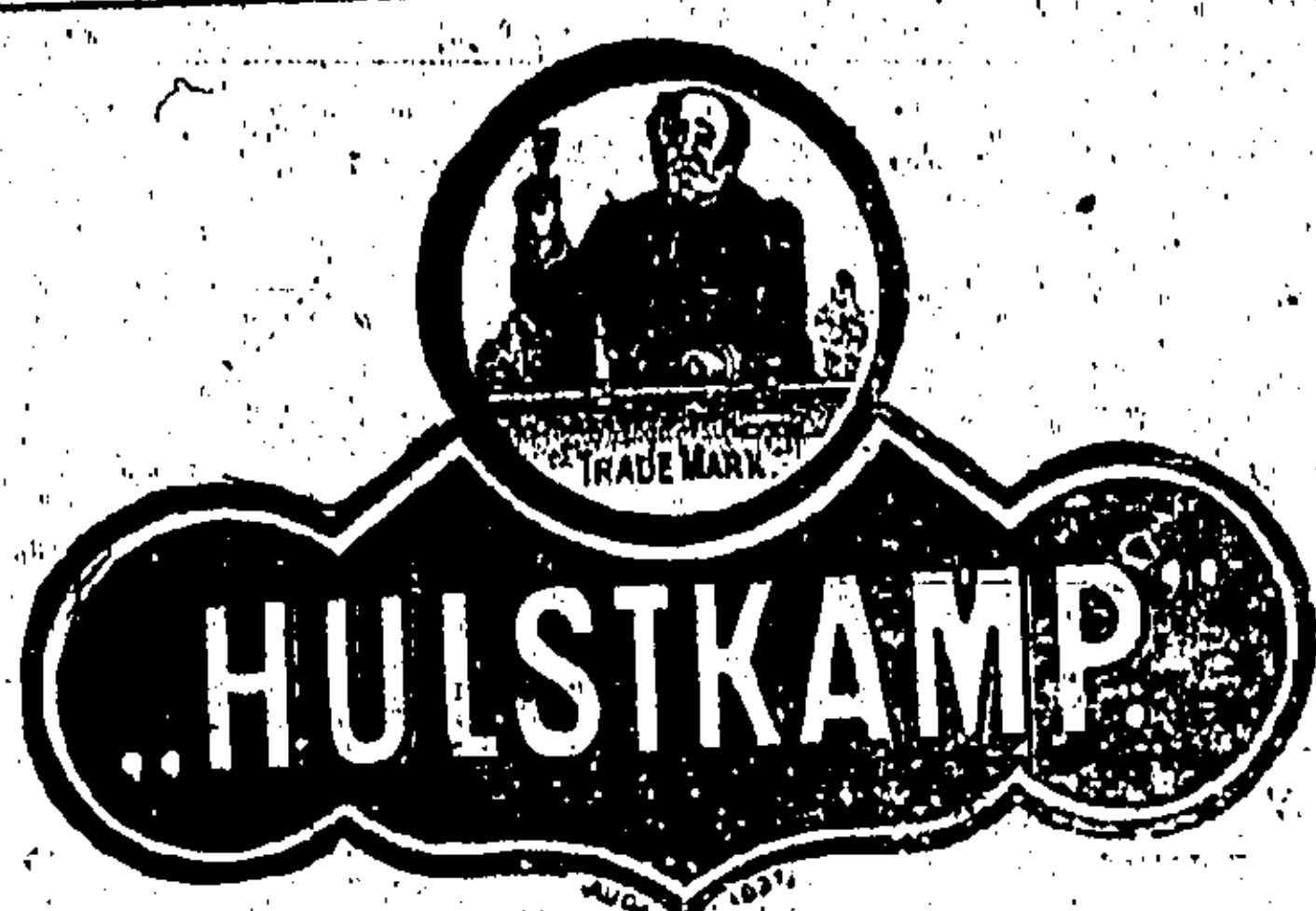
At a meeting of the Sanitary Board, this afternoon a letter was read from the Government declining to refer applications for permits to take building materials from the Pokfulam catchment area, to the Board.

Two foks of a boarding house in West Point, were fined \$3 each at the Police Court this morning for assaulting an assistant emigrant to Singapore, who, it was stated, refused to go to Swatow on their instructions.

An interesting point as to the manner in which promises to "pay put a debt" outside the limitations of statute, cropped up this morning when two Indian watchmen went to law over a debt of \$55 incurred in 1907.

A device by which a person making a telephone call can place himself through without the aid of an operator at the exchange, is now being demonstrated to the Telephone Company in Hongkong, and a completed description of the installation was given to a representative of the "Telegraph." It appears elsewhere in this paper.

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OUR
CONTEMPORARIES

Daily Press.

Japanese Finance.
The present Government inter-
office with the cry of "No
more foreign loans," these foreign
loans being supposed to be the
cause of the trouble. As a matter
of fact, however, it seems to have
been the foreign loans which
were responsible for any progress
made. Without them Japan
would have been marking time.
The best method of attacking the
difficulty would be to strike at
the root of the trouble—the
Sinking Fund—but this Jap-
anese financiers strongly oppose,
on the ground that it would
destroy Japan's credit and bring
down the value of her bonds.
Granted that this would be
the case, it may be asked whether
this would not be better
than crushing the development
of the country by retrench-
ment in the expenditure on
productive works? Marquis
Matsukata's other alternative of
bankruptcy is equally disastrous.
As a matter of fact, the present
price of Japanese bonds can only
be considered fictitious if their
maintenance is to the impoverish-
ment of the country, which means
the impoverishment of the
people. The cost of living is now
extraordinarily high in Japan.
No doubt the standard of living
has been raised, but not in propo-
tion to the price paid for it,
nor out of proportion to the
demands which a more strenuous
intellectual life entail. To impose
further burdens is impossible,
and it seems equally difficult to
relieve them of the present bur-
dens. Japan must meet the
interest on her loans, and there
is no reason why she should not
be able to do this. But to effect
the redemption of the short term
loans in the time arranged is a
matter of impossibility, and the
only course seems to be the sub-
stitution of long term loans in
their place.

South China Morning Post.

Where lies Responsibility?

Now that the Powers have
shown themselves incapable of
preventing hostilities, it remains
to be seen how far their avowed
resolve to localize the same will
prove effective. The attitude of
Austria is worthy of careful scruti-
ny, since the issue largely
depends upon it. One thing is
certain, viz., that in no circum-
stances will Russia—as already
announced—permit subsequent
intervention from any quarter to
deprive Bulgaria of the fruits of
victory. In this context Austria
undoubtedly finds herself in an
exasperating situation. The de-
feat of Turkey in this struggle,
and defeat is inevitable, must bar
Austria's path to Salonika—the
goal of her secret imperialistic
ambitions, a move towards the
realization of which was the re-
cent annexation of Bosnia and
Herzegovina. That Russia, France,
and England, members of the
Triple Entente, would be as well
pleased as the Balkan States
themselves to see such a check
imposed upon Austria's advance
towards the Aegean cannot be
doubted, while unfortunately
for Austria, her frantic desire
to intervene at the psychological
moment will be cooled by her
ally Germany who at the pre-
sent juncture has no special wish
to fight Russia on her account.
Meanwhile the Powers, through
their base indecision, have let
slip the dogs of war. The Balkan
allies are not likely to rest satis-
fied until terms of peace are dic-
tated to the Porte at Constantin-
ople. Had the Turk shown himself
a better steward, one could almost
find it in one's heart to pity him
in his present embarrassment.

Sanitation for Indian Pilgrims

The Government of India have
initiated a comprehensive inquiry
into the possibility of improving
the sanitary arrangements at cen-
tres where Hindu and Mahomedan
pilgrims congregate for worship
or for starting their journeys to
Mecca, Kerbela, or elsewhere.
Seditious Monthly Suppressed.
The "Times" states that the
Japanese Government has sup-
pressed the monthly magazine
styled the "Islamic Fraternity"
published at Tokyo, for criticizing
the policy of the British Govern-
ment in India. This publication
was discussed in the "Telegraph"
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OVER THE PLATE.

A RHYMING EPISTLE OF BASEBALL AND OF LIFE.

Bill Jones had the speed of a cannon-ball;
He could loosen a brick from a three-foot wall.
When he shot one across, it would hurtle by
Too swiftly for the surest eye.
No one could hit him when he was "right,"
As no eye could follow the ball's quick flight.
Bill should have started in a big-league role;
But he stuck to the "minors"—he lacked control.

Jack Smith had a curve like a loop-the-loop.
It would start for your head with a sudden swoop
And break to your knee with a zig-zag wave;
And the leagues' best batters would roar and rave
At the jump it took and the sudden swerve.
Shades of a boomerang! What a curve!
But Jack's still doomed to a bush league fate,
He could not "get it across" the plate.

Tom Brown had both the speed and curves,
A combination which jarred the nerves.
He would steam 'em by till they looked like peas.
And they'd hop around from your neck to your knees
From the best to the worst in the league, by jing!
He had 'em all in that phantom swing.
But he missed the mark of the truly great,
Poor Tom,—he couldn't loope the plate!

How is it with you, if I may ask?
Have you "got control" of your daily task?
Have you "got control" of your appetite?
Of your temper and tongue in the old hard fight?
Have you "got control" of your brawn and brain?
Or are you labouring all in vain?
It matters not what your daily role,
Have you "got control"? Have you "got control"?
It counts not what you may "have," my friend,
When the story is told at the game's far end.
The greatest brawn, and the greatest brain
The world has known, may be yours in vain.
The man with "control" is the man who mounts,
And it's how you use what "you've got" that counts.
Have you got the bead? Are you aiming straight?
How much of your effort "goes over the plate"?

GENERAL NEWS.

Japanese Army Expansion.
Various rumours concerning the expansion of the army are in circulation, but there is reason to believe that an understanding has been reached between the Premier and the Ministers for Finance and War, says the "Japan Herald." An anonymous authority is quoted by the "Yokohama Chohoku" to the effect that the proposed expansion is to be deferred for one year, and will not be introduced in the next session of the Diet. On the other hand, the Department of War will reserve a certain amount of the money saved as a result of administrative readjustment of the Department, and will allot the same as expenditure on army expansion in future. Some military authorities are stated to have proposed the carrying out of the expansion without having recourse to the Budget, but Count Terauchi has rejected this proposal.

An Echo of the Russo-Japanese War.
The series of big cases that have been occupying the Russian law courts has not yet terminated, says the "L. and C. Express." The sad hero of the latest is a general whose activity took place during the Russo-Japanese War. The military court of St. Petersburg has just commenced the hearing of the action against General Ukhach Ogorovich, who is said to have misappropriated colossal sums in the course of the last war. This officer, who operated with the money of the military intendants' department, turned a sum of 1,200,000 roubles to his own profit, if the figures of experts are credited.

Retirement of Dutch Bank President.
Dr. N. P. van den Berg (the president of the Netherlands Bank) has just retired after 20 years' service. Dr. van den Berg before then was for 16 years president of the Java Bank, and materially assisted the island when the sugar crisis threatened ruin to planters and banks in 1884. Dr. van den Berg aided with the financial side, and with the introduction of modern machinery and better seed selection, Java regained its influential position in the sugar trade.

No Japanese Spaniels for Dog Show.
Entries for the Kennel Club Show at the Crystal Palace closed on September 30, but this year no Japanese spaniels will be on exhibition. This is the first time since the breed was introduced into England and acknowledged by the Kennel Club that they

have not been scheduled in any big show. The Japanese spaniel is not one of the hardy species, and this, no doubt, is the cause of so many exhibitors giving them up for the Pekingese.

Chinese Pedlars not Wanted.
In England.

The Immigrant Board was convened at Parkston on 2nd ult. to decide whether 15 Chinese, aged from 20 to 30, landed by the steamer "Hirondelle" from Hamburg, should be allowed to enter England. They all held pedlar licences issued in Germany, and had money, and chaps on the German Asiatic Bank, while six possessed goods for selling at street corners. They were rejected and sent back to Hamburg.

Manchuria and Agriculture.
An indication of the wonderful possibilities of Manchuria as an agricultural country, says an American Consular report, is given by the year's increase of £110,000 in the exports of grain of all kinds. When it is considered that these substantial increases are effected under primitive methods of agriculture the prophecy that under favourable conditions Manchuria could feed the world does not seem an exaggeration.

Editor Sent to Gaol.
Mr. O. Arnold, editor of the "Burma Critic," was sentenced by the Burma Chief Court to one year's imprisonment on October 20 for libelling Mr. Andrews, Deputy Commissioner, Megni. Mr. Arnold is a son of the late Sir Elwin Arnold and was till lately the editor of the "Rangoon Times." The libel was contained in two articles entitled "A Mockery of British Justice," "Straits Times."

Admiral Togo.
It is reported, says the "N. China Daily News," Tokyo correspondent, that Admiral Count Togo will be promoted to the rank of Admiral of the Fleet on December 1.

Simple Method of Rat Destruction.

Simla, October 9th.—Interesting particulars are published of a simple method of rat destruction which has been used with marked success as a plague preventive measure in Sargodha. It has been perfected by Sir Bahadur Dyal Singh, of Faridkot, and consists in a stove for blowing burning bhuss smoke into the rat holes, the rats being suffocated by the fumes. Sargodha City was so completely cleared of rats by this arrangement last hot weather that three months later very few rats could be found. The Superintendent of the Model Farm at Faridkot is prepared to supply the stoves at a cheap rate.

THE MACAO SENSATION.

Sequel to the attack on Mr. Elwes.

At the Police Court yesterday afternoon Lang Hon Kwong and Li Tsung were charged before Mr. C. D. Melbourne, with being in unlawful possession of one pair of field glasses, one pair of scissors, one black razor, one black comb and one hair brush; the property of William Burton Elwes, Eastern Extension Telegraph Co., Hongkong, stolen from Macao. They were also charged with that they "on the 9th September, 1912, at Rua Cúis, in the Portuguese Colony of Macao, in and upon one William Barton Elwes feloniously did make an assault, and put him, the said William Barton Elwes in bodily fear and danger of his life, and did steal his goods and chattels."

Mr. Kemp, the Crown Solicitor, conducted the case for the prosecution, the details being in the hands of Inspector J. J. Watt. Mr. O. Frebrother Mason, of Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist, defended.

Mr. Kemp made an application to the Magistrate to extradite the defendants to Macao, there to be dealt with by the Portuguese Authorities.

According to the depositions read in Court, the two defendants were stated to be two of four men who on the date in question attacked the European whilst he was in a ricksha, about seven o'clock in the morning, proceeding to the Hongkong steamer. The complainant had his helmet smashed and his head bruised, and the two coolies with the ricksha were also assaulted. The men made away and one of the coolies who thought of giving chase was deterred by one of the robbers firing a shot. On the spot where the attack was made two iron bars were found.

Mr. Mason: I submit they do not identify the prisoners in either case. The depositions are at variance, and there is no correct evidence that these men committed the robbery. It is said there were four Chinamen present but they could not identify these men.

His Lordship:—Yes, that is so. Mr. Mason:—In neither case, and I submit there is nothing in the evidence to connect the prisoners with the robbery. William Burton Elwes said he left the hotel at Macao on the

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morning in question. About five minutes after leaving the hotel a party of men stopped the ricksha. One man put his hand on the side of the ricksha and struck downwards with what seemed to be a white truncheon and then struck him on the right leg just above the knee. The ricksha pullers dropped the ricksha and he (witness) stumbled out. His bag was lying in the front of the ricksha and one man seized it. He struck the man across the face with the handle of the umbrella he was carrying and the man ran down a side street. At the same time he saw two of the Macao Police—the Civil Guard—he thought they were called—standing within fifty yards talking to each other. He ran towards them shouting and waving his umbrella to attract their attention.
A remand was ordered.

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THE MARCONI CONTRACT.

An interesting statement regarding the contract between the Marconi Company and the Government for the erection of a world-wide chain of wireless stations, in which Hongkong is interested, appears in a Home paper. There have been hints of a scandal, of jobbery and corruption on the part of several Cabinet Ministers. There has been a recent great rise in shares, and because Mr. Godfrey Isaacs, the managing director of the Marconi Company, is a brother of Sir Rufus Isaacs, the Attorney-General, it has been openly suggested that Sir Rufus Isaacs, Mr. Herbert Samuel (the Postmaster-General), and other ministers let the deal go through because, with their early information, they all made quite a deal of money out of the rise in shares.

The facts are more pleasing. The contract with the Government was not concluded until March of this year, whereas the rise in shares commenced upon a judgment being given in the Company's favour in respect of a patent action. That was in February, 1911. The rise continued until November, 1911, when the Company issued 250,000 new shares at \$1 premium. The shares then stood at \$2.6-0. Early in February they reached to more than double that figure; and if, following the acceptance by the Government of the Company's tender, on March 7, they rose rapidly to over \$7, that was no more than usually happens where a successful company appears to secure a monopoly. At any rate, it seems clear enough now that not a single member of the Government was ever interested in the Company to the extent of a penny piece.

It is good to have it made manifest that the hands of British Cabinet Ministers are still clean, but we look in vain for any steps being taken against the accusers of Mr. Samuel and others. "At the right time and in the right way," measures are likely to be taken, we read. The right time is at the start. Scandal must be gripped, if it is effectively to be gripped, before it grows and spreads to considerable dimensions, and members of the Cabinet, above all people, ought promptly to take measures to dissipate the first whiff of malodorous gossip. Aside from the duty to themselves, it is a duty they owe to the public to prove that their hands are clean.

"Already," we read, "two or three months have been lost because the Government felt it undesirable even to appear to be rushing this contract through." Was ever such a preposterous attitude before adopted by a responsible Government? For strategic purposes these stations ought to have been erected before now, yet the Government has delayed the ratification of the contract, apparently because things had been said concerning certain Ministers and it did not care to lend colour to them. That is the only reasonable assumption. We are not forgetful of the fact that, some three weeks ago, Mr. Samuel brought forward a motion that a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into the circumstances attending the conclusion of the agreement, that Mr. Lloyd George and Sir Rufus Isaacs vehemently repudiated insinuations of jobbery, and that Mr. Samuel promised the fullest investigation. This display of courage came late in the day and after quite unnecessary delay had been caused by the Government's weakness—its unwillingness, at least, to take a strong stand where it was needed. The business is too important to be dragged into party politics and to be delayed because Ministers have been talked about and have not courage enough to come forward with the truth at the earliest possible moment.

DAY BY DAY.

A hot temper requires cool treatment.

V. R. C.

The annual meeting of the Victoria Recreation Club takes place to-morrow evening.

Fell off a Platform.

A man 34 years of age was accidentally injured at the Green Island cement works Hok On, by falling off a platform whilst he was working.

Left for Manila.

Among the passengers who left by the s.s. Coblenz for Manila were Brigadier General Pershing; Mr. H. P. Winslow, manager of the British section of the Kowloon-Canton Railway; and Mr. H. Percy Smith.

Street Fighting.

Before Mr. E. A. Irving, at the Police Court, this morning, two men were charged with street fighting at West Point. The face of one man showed signs of severe punishment. They were each bound over in sums of \$50 to keep the peace for six months.

Insufficient Accommodation.

A Chinese was fined \$25, at the Police Court, this morning for not providing adequate kitchen accommodation at houses numbered 18 and 20 Reclamation Street. He was also ordered to make the required accommodation or to see that the first and second floors were let to two persons only.

Public Library.

Following is the Return of visitors to the City Hall Library and Museum for the week ending the 3rd November.

	Library Museum.
Non-Chinese	484 172
Chinese	235 3,750
Total	719 3,922

Playing Fan-tan.

At the Police Court, this morning, before Mr. E. A. Irving, a man was charged with playing fan-tan in Des Voeux Road yesterday morning. Defendant was said to be playing with six others. One of the gamblers broke away from the officer. Defendant was fined \$5 or in default fourteen days.

Fatal Immersion.

A unknown Chinese male aged 25 was engaged a rowing boat at the Un On Wharf, yesterday, and when he got about fifty yards from the shore, jumped into the water. He was rescued by some boatmen and taken to the hospital where he died shortly after being admitted.

Steamer Reports.

The s.s. Kamehew, from Saigon, reports moderate to fresh N.E. to N.E. winds and moderate sea; cloudy and fine clear weather to latitude of Paracels, thence to port light E.N.E. to E. winds, smooth sea and fine weather.—The s.s. Yuensang, from Manila, reports fine weather throughout.—The s.s. Hein Kong, from Shanghai, reports fine weather throughout.

Sampan Capsized.

A boatwoman reported that at two o'clock on Monday afternoon whilst four passengers were boarding her boat at Blake Pier her sampan capsized and threw her and her two children along with the four passengers into the water. Two seamen of the Post Office launch, assisted in picking them out of the water, apparently none the worse for their experience.

Settled.

This morning in the Summary Court the case was to have been heard in which the Yung Sai Lung of Queen's Road Central sued the Sai Tik Chan of 68 Connaught Road West to recover the sum of \$65.68 being the balance due for goods sold and delivered. Mr. Gardiner who appeared for the defendant said that he understood that the matter was settled. The case was struck out.

Seamen's Institute Concert.

Yesterday evening a very fine concert, arranged by Mrs. H. E. Pollock, was given at the Seamen's Institute and was well attended. The artists of the evening were undoubtedly Mr. Jones whose two encores were thoroughly deserved. The Hon. Mr. Claud Severn, and Mr. Beswick also did well, while the Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock, K. O., gave two excellent recitations. Mr. Sandercock at the piano was in great form. Mrs. Worcester in an Irish jig fairly captured her audience and Mr. Worcester in a couple of comic songs had his audience continually in laughter.

THE "BOYCOTT."

Denials by Hongkong Chinese and Japanese.

The Hongkong correspondent of the Tokyo "Asahi" has wired his paper to the effect that Chinese merchants in Singapore, Hongkong, and Canton are reported to be organising a boycott of Japanese goods. The movement, he says, began in Singapore among the leading Chinese residents, and is spreading rapidly. He adds, according to the "Japan Chronicle":—"The Chinese Press in Hongkong is strongly anti-Japanese, and placards are posted about the city exhorting the public to boycott Japan. One such placard quotes the statement that the Manchurians had applied to the Japanese Government for annexation, and declares that the Japanese have incited certain people in Manchuria to this act, and that it is only a part of Japan's ambitious scheme for proclaiming a protectorate over Manchuria and partitioning Mongolia."

For the guidance of our readers we may remind them that, at the time of the attempted assassination of Sir Henry May, reports from Hongkong reached certain Japanese papers to the effect that H. E. defended himself with his stick and that his assailant subsequently committed suicide in his cell. From this it would appear that Hongkong "news" in the Japanese press is occasionally tinted.

Moreover, on referring to the "Japan Chronicle" for July 6, we find the "Asahi" reporting that "The Governor struck the would-be assassin with his fist." The "Asahi" correspondent was one of the witnesses of the exciting scene.

Are we to read the boycott story by the light of the above? A well-known Chinese financier informs the "Telegraph" that there is no truth in the story; and a prominent Hongkong Japanese says the same thing. "Don't you think we Chinese merchants would be the first to hear of such a thing, if it were true?" asked the first, reasonably enough; while the Japanese gentleman, after drawing attention to the fact that many of the statements made in the Tokyo Press, as to Chinese matters, must be received with some amount of reserve, hinted that the rumour may have had its origin in the trifling disputes between Chinese and Japanese which took place in Swatow a few days since.

Various tales were afloat locally as to this dispute, the facts of which were simply these: Some Japanese sailors, under the influence of drink, engaged rich swains in Swatow. The coolies, not being able to understand what was said to them as to direction, stopped after a while, anxious to make sure that the fares would be paid. A crowd collected, the police intervened, and immediately the word went round the town that the Japanese sailors had attacked the coolies. The immediate consequence was an attempt at boycotting Japanese goods, which however only lasted till the Chief of Police at Canton wired to the Swatow authorities that the whole incident was to be ignored.

So much for the boycott, whether in Swatow, or in Hongkong.

FORTHCOMING WEDDINGS.

The following marriages have been arranged and the usual notices posted at the offices of the Registrar General:—

Mr. W. O. D. Turner, of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, to Miss Annie Mary Cunningham, of Edinburgh.

Mr. Richard Maxwell Saker, of 4 Peking Road to Mary Gibson Silby of Singapore.

Mr. Charles David Janett Bell, Hongkong Hotel, to Miss Daisy Rosamund Agnes Pochin, who is travelling to Hongkong on the s.s. Mantua, connecting with the Devenha at Colombo.

Full pay for Chinese Officials. A native paper says that owing to the reduction of the official salaries passed by the National Council, the members of the Cabinet are thinking seriously of giving the officials in each ministry their full pay. It is now reported that in all probability the salaries for October will be paid in full.

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To Britishers, unfamiliar as they usually are with the conditions of life at an American university, such a play as Mr. Walter de Leon's "The Campus" has special attractions; and when presented, as it was last night at the Theatre Royal, with essential care and taste, it becomes even fascinating.

The first and third acts take place on the edge of the college campus, outside the gymnasium, and the second in college apartments; and, into each act, numerous peculiar features of 'varsity life in America are incidentally packed. The comedy has little pretence to any definite story or plot, but succeeds—worthily and deservedly—by virtue of the brisk repartee of the various artists, the exceedingly catchy songs and choruses, the graceful dances, and the general contagious jollity of it all. People are forced to laugh, whether they will or no. No one can be stiff and proper in presence of the light-hearted philandering of Bobby Short (Mr. Walter de Leon) and Nelly Perkins (Miss "Muggins" Davies), and any house must rock to Mr. Roscoe Arbuckle's impersonation of the burly, jovial, and withal love-sick "Fat" Tellman. Miss Minta Darfee, too, the girl whose charms have penetrated the adipose-laden heart of the fat hero, was unfailingly graceful and captivating.

It was, perhaps, matter for some regret that so fine an artist as Miss Josie Hart should have modestly confined herself to quite a minor part, though even into this she contrived to throw an amazing amount of cleverness. Mr. Ferris Hartman, as the college janitor and one-time German university professor, had by no means chosen the leading role; but only a master in his profession could make the part at once so lifelike and so laughable; only a real artist (which title no one who has seen him would deny to Mr. Hartman) could, moreover, have so subtly suggested the underlying note of pathos which belongs to the part of a man of "Bismark's" type.

An extra word of praise should be added on behalf of Miss "Muggins" Davies. Her buoyancy, both mental and physical, is remarkable; she cannot walk on to the stage or speak half a dozen words without charming everyone in the house, and one may safely say that a big future is in store for this highly gifted young actress.

To-night the Company produces "The Toy-maker," which Mr. Hartman and Miss Josie Hart regard as one of their special successes; and if the choruses, the staging and the acting are only half as good as last night, there should yet again be a crowded theatre.

INTERESTING ARTICLES.

Directors and their Liabilities Duties and Powers.

On page 10 of this issue will be found the first of three articles dealing with "Directors and their Liabilities, Duties, and Powers." The remaining articles will appear in to-morrow's and Thursday's issues. This short series is complementary to, and provides a fitting conclusion for, the articles on this and the kindred subject of Shareholders which appeared weekly in our columns between July 29, 1911, and June 8 last. The three articles now appearing will be found of strong interest and essential value, more particularly to those who followed the earlier series.

VOLUNTEERS.

Corps Orders issued by Major D. Macdonald, dated:—

Artillery battery—parades—Owing to the guns and howitzers not being available for drill purposes this week the drills for the remainder of the week will be as follows:—Tuesday 5.30 p.m. Company Drill; Wednesday 5.30 p.m. Company Drill; Friday 5.30 p.m. Semaphore Signalling.

SANITARY BOARD.

The Pokfulam Catchment Area Again.

The fortnightly meeting of the Sanitary Board was held this afternoon at the offices of the Board, Mr. R. O. Hutchison presiding.

A letter was received from the government, relative to permits for obtaining building material and turf from the Pokfulam Catchment Area. It was as follows:—

Colonial Secretary's Office
23 Oct. 1912.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter S.B.O. No. 6793/12 of the 25th September forwarding a copy of resolution adopted at a meeting of the Sanitary Board held on 24th September on the subject of permits for obtaining building materials and turf from the Pokfulam Catchment area.

2. At the present time there are only six permits in existence for the area in question. Four of these will shortly be no longer required, and the remaining two are in the hands of the Military Authorities.

3. Every possible care is taken before the issue of a permit to ascertain whether any objections exist, and His Excellency the Governor does not consider that any useful purpose would be served by referring applications to the Sanitary Board.

Dr. Fitzwilliams intimated:—The Board seems now to have done all that is possible in the matter and the responsibility of any epidemic disease from this source must now be shouldered by the Government and authors of this refusal to stop a dangerous practice.

Mr. W. L. Carter:—I agree with Dr. Fitzwilliams. It is obvious that the all "possible care" taken in issuing these permits has not proved sufficient in the past.

Mr. F. B. L. Bowley:—Section 21 of the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance authorises the P.W.D. to grant these permits, in view of the importance of protecting the Pokfulam water supply no permit should be granted without the consent of the Governor-in-Council as the Government refuses to refer applications to the Board.

An application for a licence to sell pork, fish, and vegetables at 132 Wanchai Road ground floor was considered.

Mr. Chan Kai-ming intimated:—I am opposed to the policy of licensing premises attached to dwellings, for the sale of pork, fish and vegetables, as they are liable to contamination, especially in time of plague, to say nothing of the difficulty of supervision. If it is considered desirable to have such stalls for the convenience of inhabitants in the locality, I would suggest that a temporary wooden shed with a few stalls be put up on Crown land quite apart from any block of dwelling houses.

Mr. F. B. L. Bowley:—These premises appear to be half a mile by road from the nearest market. I think the application should be granted under section 77 at a rent equal to the rent in the nearest market.

The Hon. Mr. W. Chatham:—It is proposed to construct a market for the sale of vegetables near No. 2 Police Station, as soon as the depot on the site of bed No. 3 Police Station is completed. Possibly provision for the sale of pork etc could also be made there.

ALLEGED STABBING.

The three Chinese who stand charged with assaulting and stabbing another Chinese in the market at Wanchai, were again remanded at the Police Court, this morning.

It was explained, that the complaint was taken to the hospital and the doctor had given a certificate stating that he would not be able to attend the Court until the 10th.

OUTBREAK OF FIRE.

A small fire took place at Shan-kiwan at 7.20 on Monday morning, in an outhouse behind No. 24, Main Street East, occupied by a bamboo awning maker. The fire was caused by a child playing with matches which ignited some palm leaves. The fire was extinguished by the inmates.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

H. E. and Volunteering.

His Excellency's strong interest in volunteering was again manifested by his attendance with the Volunteer Reserve at Castle Peak on Sunday. It is good to find that the Governor does more than merely preach the need for young men (and men who are not so very young for that matter) learning how to bear arms in defence of their country if, and when, the call comes. Actively he takes his own share in the work—rather more than the ordinary share, we should judge—and his example is bound to have its effect. The value of volunteering, in a Colony like Hongkong, alike to the Colony and the individual, we have pointed out before now; and it seems certain that that value is to be more generally appreciated by men able to bear arms, as the result of His Excellency's untiring efforts.

Gunpowder Plot.

We wonder how many people in Hongkong remember that to-day is "Guy Fawkes Day"? Like many another old English custom, the celebration of the Fifth of November is falling into desuetude at Home, for time was when the anniversary of the supposed plot to blow up Parliament was the occasion of much festive diversion by the populace. Originally the burning of Guy Fawkes in effigy was a ceremony much in vogue, especially among the lower classes, but nowadays it is confined chiefly to school-boys, and even with the a it is not so popular as in days gone by. Long years ago the burning of a "good guy" was a scene never to be forgotten by those who witnessed it, and old people recall upwards of two hundred cartloads of fuel being used to make and feed the great bonfire in Lincoln's Inn Fields, and more than thirty "guys" being burnt upon gibbets between eight o'clock at night and midnight.

Myth or Fact?

Speaking of the Gunpowder Plot, by the way, did such plot ever exist at all? So much of the English "history" that was accepted in our fathers' days, and even as recently as five and twenty years ago, has had to be re-written, that one may be pardoned for feeling sceptical. Important readers of our country's story during the past three or four centuries, are now fairly well satisfied that half the "plots" recorded by some historians were no plots at all, but purely the invention of informers in the pay of those who had some political axe to grind. During the time of Elizabeth and the Stuarts, the discovery of so-called conspiracies was a very profitable occupation; and hundreds—nay thousands—of innocent persons went to torture or to death through being "denounced" by soundrels of the Titus Oates stamp. Is it not likely that the gunpowder treason may, in the near future, find a place on the same shelf with the Reverend Titus Oates' memorable discovery?

London Borough Elections.

If the results of the Borough Elections in London, which take place triennially, are to be taken as an index to the political temper of the Metropolis, the latest figures demonstrate that Conservatism is still a powerful force in London. The returns for 1912 show that 1,001 Moderates have been elected against 361 Progressives, these figures contrasting with 1,007 Moderates and 355 Progressives in 1909. The change in party representation, therefore, is almost nil, and little, if any, significance attaches to the slight increase in the Progressive vote. The strange point is that the London Borough elections have in recent years gone contrary to the prevailing Parliamentary complexion of the Metropolis, inasmuch as ever since the time that the Liberals came into the ascendancy in the House of Commons, the Moderates have steadily gone forward in the Borough Councils' elections, whereas previous to the General Election of 1906 the Progressives had a commanding majority in the Councils. However this may be accounted for, the present figures cannot be of great value as an index to General Election possibilities; for the change from a party view point is too minute to be regarded as important.

DODGING INSPECTION.

Coolies Go To Singapore via Swatow.

With the intention of dodging inspection by the Authorities in Hongkong, coolies about to be shipped to Singapore are, it would appear, after being brought from the country to this Colony, shipped to Swatow and from there booked through to Singapore.

At the Police Court, this morning, before Mr. E. A. Irving, two foks from a boarding house, No. 78, Ko Shing Street, were charged with assaulting an intending emigrant because he declined to go to Swatow when asked.

Leo. Sgt. Paerden said that at 8.40 last night whilst on duty in Ko Shing Street, he saw a crowd round a boarding house for assisted emigrants. He entered the house and on the first floor he met an assisted emigrant who complained of having been assaulted. Witness went with him to the second floor of the house in company with a district watchman. There the complainant pointed out the two defendants who were foks at the place and said they were the men who had assaulted him with a piece of firewood because he would not go to Swatow. He arrested them.

His Rice was Stopped. Complainant said he was an intending emigrant to Singapore. He stayed at the boarding house 78 Ko Shing Street. Two nights after he went he was asked where he was going and he said Singapore. They told him that there was no boat to Singapore for many days but there was a boat to Swatow. He declined to go to Swatow and his rice was stopped. They told him that since he would not go to Swatow, a charge of sixty cents a day would be made for the food he had had, and if it was not forthcoming they would kill him. He asked for a blanket as the nights were cold. The defendants then struck him with pieces of firewood. Four men assaulted him but the others got away. He called out "Save life" and someone coming into the house to inspect it heard the cries and came to him.

A witness stated that he stayed in the same boarding house as the complainant. He heard a quarrel arise over a blanket. There was a fight and he arrived on the scene when it was finished. He saw the firewood (produced) on the second floor. He saw the complainant there; he was quarrelling with the defendants. Witness only knew that the defendants were foks at the establishment. The sergeant came in as he (witness) was coming out of the kitchen.

Defendants were each fined \$3 or in default seven days' imprisonment. His Worship.—If there is any truth in your complainant's statement about being detained you should lay the matter before the Registrar General.

"THE COOK."

"The Cook" has now been revised. Two new numbers have been introduced, and alterations have been made in the libretto which has brought this charming musical comedy absolutely up-to-date. The variety entertainment November 13, will include a Hungarian Dance by the famous dancers Michael and Sophia Kolevski. The management are to be congratulated on being able to secure the services of these two talented artists who are making a brief stay in Hongkong. Another of the performers is the Champion drum stick swinger who appeared before the King when Prince of Wales. Booking is proceeding rapidly at Mourie's and those who have not already taken up their seats are recommended to do so as soon as possible as the house, we are told, is going to be a record one.

Local Yachting.

On Sunday next the Corinthian Club hold a race meeting. There will also be a race between men-of-war-whirlers, and motor boats, open to the British fleet.

WATCHMEN AT LAW.

Claim for Five Year Old Debt.

Two Indian watchmen were at law this morning, over the question of a passage from Hongkong to India.

Mohammed Tubhan, watchman at the Cosmopolitan Docks at Kowloon, sued Akloo Butt, watchman to the "South China Morning Post," to recover the sum of \$55, being as to \$14 meals supplied, passage money \$20 and two loans of \$10 and \$11 each.

Mr. Gardiner appeared for the plaintiff, and Mr. Mason, of Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist, defended.

Mr. Gardiner said that the claim dated as far back as 1907 and in the ordinary way would be statute barred, but he hoped to prove that the defendant had made repeated promises of paying the money, within the last few months.

His Lordship.—In writing?

Mr. Gardiner.—No, my lord verbally.

His Lordship.—That is no use.

Mr. Gardiner.—It need not be in writing. There is a case on the point by Mr. Justice Wise.

(Continuing, Mr. Gardiner, said that the defendant left Hongkong for India in 1907 and had been there ever since, until quite recently. When he returned to the Colony he was asked for the money and he promised to pay to the plaintiff, and to two or three friends as well, who had tried to settle the matter.

Mr. Mason contended that to prevent the claim being statute barred, the promises to pay should be in writing.

His Lordship adjourned the case until next Friday's list.

LOCAL SPORT.

BOXING.

On November 16 several interesting boxing bouts will be held.

The first will be between Private Potter and Stoker Hornsby, of H. M. S. Defence. Stoker Hornsby, it will be remembered, drew with "Iron Bux" last Saturday night for the featherweight championship of the Orient.

Potter has been fighting well in Hankow and has defeated the six men that opposed him there. He has also two victories to his credit over "Iron Bux," and the coming bout should be a good one.

Seaman Lamprel, also of H.M.S. "Defence," who knocked out Littlejohn on Saturday night is to meet Private Richards of the K.O.Y.L.I. in a 10 round "go" on the same night; and the favourite, Kid Marriott, will do eight rounds with Private Mayall also of the K.O.Y.L.I.

Seaman Lamprel wishes to announce that he challenges any lightweight in the Orient, for a 15 round bout at \$500 (max) a side.

Guanor McGhee, I.G.A., familiarly known as "East Iron McGhee," meets Private Worthington, of the K.O.Y.L.I. in a 10 round "go" on the same night; and the favourite, Kid Marriott, will do eight rounds with Private Mayall also of the K.O.Y.L.I.

Besides these bouts there will be one more, but the names, we understand, of the boxers, are not to be given as yet.

We are told that the men are well matched in all the bouts, and that there will be no question of "one sided" affairs.

Mr. H. MacIntosh is the promoter of the fights, and Mr. Jack Dempsey will act as referee.

S.S. LOO SOK WRECKED.

It is stated that the S.S. Loo Sok, of the N. D. Lloyd Orient Line, has been wrecked on an island that between Saigon and Cebu, and that she may become a total loss. Enquiry at Messrs. Melchers & Co's confirmed the statement.

"So far, we have had no further news," one of the agents of Messrs. Melcher said, "to-day," but we still hope for the best."

The S.S. Loo Sok was built in Glasgow in 1891; her tonnage is 1,600 tons, and she was built at the Fairfield yard.

It is believed that the loss will fall on the N. D. L. Company as it is alleged that they insure their own ships.

The "Loo Sok" was valued at about £2,000, and her cargo it is believed, may equal that figure.

L ST DOGS.

Valuable Animal Recovered from Canton Dog King.

In our issue of Tuesday last we stated that Mr. J. H. Newbold who had lost a valuable bull bitch had visited Canton on the previous Sunday on purpose to try and find the animal.

In company with Wong Pak Yang, chief detective inspector, he visited a man who was believed to have knowledge of the dog. This man is known as the "King of Dogs," and, though Mr. Newbold did not return with his dog, he was, as we then stated, exceedingly hopeful of securing its return.

On Sunday night Mr. Newbold again visited Canton in response to advice that his dog had been discovered. It was awaiting him at the Police Station on the Bund on Monday morning. The animal, when it saw him, went wild with joy. He admits that it also showed affection for the "King of Dogs," who was also present, but that was only natural considering that he had fed it for a matter of seven weeks. There was no doubting the identity of the dog, however, when it returned to its old haunts in Hongkong.

The Dog King is stated to have paid \$24 for the animal, and Mr. Newbold was told that he could either recompense the man, in some measure, for his outlay, or have him prosecuted. Mr. Newbold chose for prosecution and a promise was given that action would be taken against the man.

Since the animal went to Canton she has given birth to some four or five pups, but these have not been found. If they should be discovered, they are to be handed to Mr. Newbold.

Meantime we may state that Mr. Newbold brought down with him a Boston bull terrier bitch, brindle, and a Japanese, not quite pure bred. The latter, he believed, belonged to Mr. White of the Pacific Mail, but in this he was wrong. The owner has still to come forward. He states, too, that he saw, in Canton, a pure bred Japanese dog which has evidently been stolen and awaits an owner.

GENERAL SIR IAN HAMILTON.

Inspects Defences at Lyceum and Devil's Peak.

Early to day General Sir Ian Hamilton went to inspect the defences at Lyceum and the Devil's Peak.

He was accompanied by officers of the staff, and the launch "Omphali" was crowded with military men.

General Hamilton is not expected to return until late this evening.

MACAO SENSATION.

The hearing of the charge of assault, and robbery of William Barton Elwes, at Macao, in which two men are concerned was continued by Mr. C. D. Melbourne, the Police Court, this afternoon.

Mr. Kemp, Crown Solicitor, appeared for the prosecution and continued the application for extradition. Mr. C. Farebrother Mason, of Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist, appeared for the defendants, and cross-examined the witnesses for the prosecution.

J. A. E. Bullock, clerk in the Colonial Secretary's office, produced formal papers.

A woman deposed that on September 25, the defendants came to her house at 7, Upper Station Street, and slept there. They had in their possession a basket. She said she had seen the first defendant and his wife on August 21. She was then paying a visit to his wife.

The first defendant and his wife visited her at Station Street on the 20th Sept. The second defendant was there the same night. The first defendant and his wife brought the basket along with them. She saw the second defendant on Sept. 9th at Macao. The defendants were in her house when the police came.

By Mr. Mason: She was sure she met the second defendant on Sept. 9th.

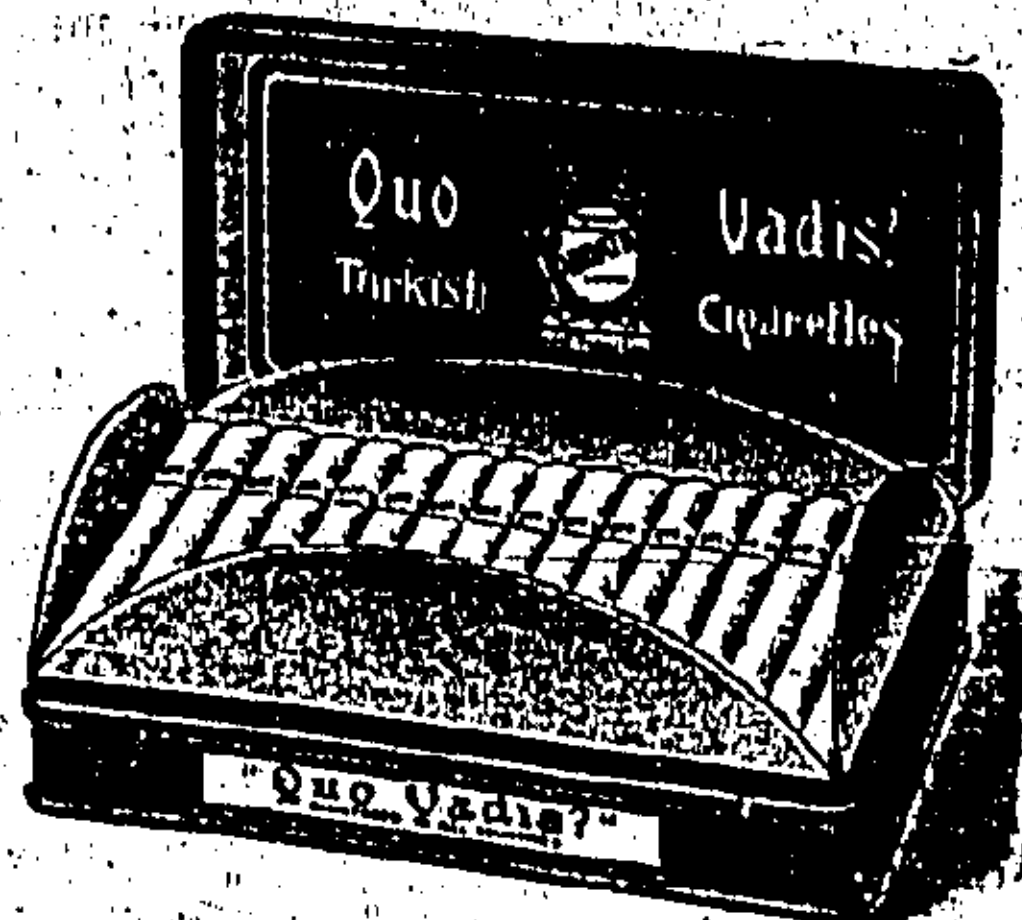
The case had not concluded when we went to press.

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Lady May (President of the Ministering Children's League), wishes especially to thank Major Macdonald and the officers of the Hongkong Volunteer Corps for the loan of Hall and ground; Mr. Kynoch of the Public Works Department for valuable help rendered; Commander Carey, R.N., H.M.S. "Tamar", for kindly lending flags and helpers; Messrs. Lane Crawford & Co.; A. S. Watson & Co.; Weissmann & Co.; the Dairy Farm; Messrs. Blackhead; Kelly and Walsh; Moutrie & Co.; Robinson Piano Co.; Noronha & Co. for printing programmes and placards free; Wing On; Kwong Tai Loy; Hung On; the China Mail; for advertising free of charge; the rest of the Press for advertising at reduced rates; Messrs. Pathe Freres and the Management of the Bijou Scenic Theatre for so kindly giving their services free.

Her thanks are also due to Mrs. Hastings and helpers who got up the Children's Play—and all the friends who helped to furnish and preside over the various stalls.

MINNESOTA AFFAIR.

Dunn Not to Return by the Vessel.

We have been informed that John Saxton Dunn, the man discharged yesterday on a charge of committing manslaughter on the S.S. Minnesota, will not return on the ship, but will be maintained by the Authorities here until the American Consul can arrange for his passage to America.

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G. MONTAGUE EDE,
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Hongkong, 5th Nov., 1912. [824]

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Hongkong, 4th Nov., 1912. [836]

DAIRY FARM NEWS.

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 SHANGHAI, KOBÉ & YOKOHAMA ... PEMBROKESHIRE ... 10th Dec.
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TUESDAY, 5th NOVEMBER.

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WEDNESDAY, 6th NOVEMBER.

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The Company's Steamship, "SUI AN."

will depart from the Company's WING LOK STREET WHARF at 9 A.M. and return from Macao at 5 P.M.

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Further particulars may be obtained at the Office of the Company.

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S.S. HOI-SANG, 457 Tons.

Departures from Macao to Canton on Mon., Wednes., & Fri., at 9 P.M.

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S.S. "SAINAM," 588 Tons, and "NANNING," 588 Tons.

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Opposite the Blake Pier.

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PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

Destination	Steamers and Displacement.	Sailing Dates
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP via SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, SOERABAYA & PORT SAID ...	KITANO MARU. Capt. F. E. Cope. T. 16,700 IYO MARU. Capt. E. Irie. T. 13,600	WEDNESDAY, 6th Nov., at D'light. WEDNESDAY, 20th Nov., at Daylight.
VICTORIA, B.O., & SEATTLE via MOJI, KOBÉ, YOKOHAMA, & YAMAGUCHI ...	SYOKOHAMA MARU. Capt. K. Noda. T. 12,500 INABA MARU. Capt. S. Tomiyama. T. 12,500	THURSDAY, 7th Nov., at Noon TUESDAY, 19th Nov., at Noon
SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via MANILA, THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNSVILLE and BRISBANE ...	NIKKO MARU. Capt. M. Yagi. T. 9,600	FRIDAY, 22nd Nov., at Noon.
BOMBAY & SINGAPORE & COLOMBO ...	KAWACHI MARU. Capt. A. Christensen. T. 6,000	MONDAY, 11th November.
CALCUTTA via SINGAPORE, PENANG & RANGOON ...	TOSA MARU. Capt. S. Ito. T. 12,500	SATURDAY, 16th November.
KOBÉ & YOKOHAMA ...	TANGO MARU. Capt. K. Kanawa. T. 13,500	THURSDAY, 7th Nov., at 11 A.M.
SHANGHAI & KOBÉ ...	JINSEN MARU. Capt. M. Machida. T. 5,000	WEDNESDAY, 30th November.
SHANGHAI, KOBÉ & YOKOHAMA ...	SANUKI MARU. Capt. J. Foranaki. T. 12,500	WEDNESDAY, 6th November.
SHANGHAI, KOBÉ & YOKOHAMA ...	KIRIN MARU. Capt. H. Oguchi. T. 5,000	MONDAY, 11th November.
YOKOHAMA ...	KUMANO MARU. Capt. M. Winkler. T. 9,300	WEDNESDAY, 20th Nov., at Noon.

* Cargo only.

* Fitted with new system of wireless telegraphy.

REDUCED RATES OF PASSAGE.

Hongkong to Pacific Coast ports	1st class £25 2nd class £17
Hongkong to London via New York	1st class £56 2nd class £40
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Round-the-World, 1st class through at, via New York	£102
via Montreal	£107

N.B. While the rates are reduced, the excellence of the service in all respects will be maintained as heretofore.

T. KUSUMOTO, Manager.

CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LTD.

SAILING SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

For	STEAMERS.	To SAIL.
NEWCHWANG	"KIUKIANQ"	7th Nov. D'light.
SHANGHAI	"CHINHUA"	7th " 4 P.M.
SHANGHAI	"ANHUI"	8th " M'night.
MANILA, CEBU & HOLOLO	"TEAN"	13th " 4 P.M.
TIENSIN	"HUICHOW"	13th " 4 P.M.

This steamer has superior accommodation with Electric Light throughout and Electric Fans in State-rooms. A daily qualified Doctor is carried. Reduced Fares, Cargo booked through for all Australian, New Zealand and Tasmanian Ports.

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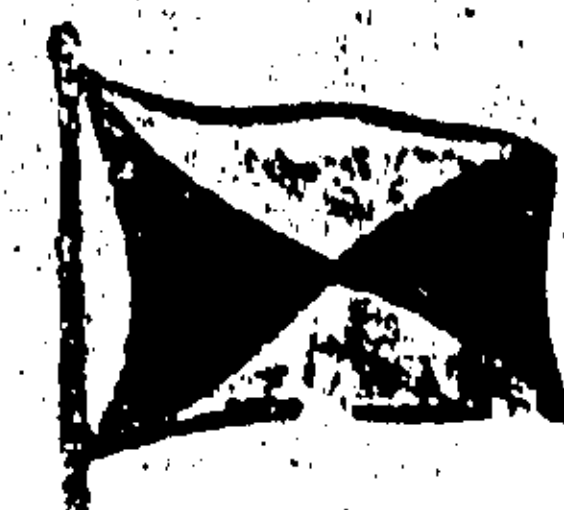
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Shipping

HONGKONG—

PHILIPPINES.

PHILIPPINES STEAMSHIP CO



Steamship	Tons	Captain	For	Sailing Date
RUBI	4000	J. Miller	Manila, Mangarin, Iloilo and Cebu.	FRIDAY, 8th Nov., 4 P.M.
ZAFIRO	4000	Cross	Manila, Mangarin, Iloilo and Cebu.	SATURDAY, 16th Nov., 4 P.M.

For Freight or Passage apply to:

SHEWAN TOMES & CO., GENERAL MANAGERS

Hongkong 4th November, 1912.

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JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LIJN.

Regular Fortnightly Service between

JAVA, CHINA AND JAPAN.

Steamer	From	Expected on or about	For	Will leave on or at
Tilbodas	JAVA	1st half Nov.	SHANGHAI	1st half Nov.
Tilboorm	JAPAN	1st half Nov.	JAVA	1st half Nov.
Tilbahi	JAVA	2nd half Nov.	SHANGHAI	2nd half Nov.
Tilbawong	JAPAN	2nd half Nov.	JAVA	2nd half Nov.
Tilbanoek	JAVA	2nd half Nov.	JAPAN	2nd half Nov.
Tilbajap	JAVA	1st half Dec.	SHANGHAI	1st half Dec.
Tilbikini	JAVA	1st half Dec.	SHANGHAI	1st half Dec.
Tilbanas	JAVA	2nd half Dec.	SHANGHAI	2nd half Dec.

The steamers are all fitted throughout with Electric Light, and have accommodation for a limited number of saloon passengers, and will take cargo.

All Ports in Netherlands-India on through B/L.

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JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LIJN.

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Imperial Japanese Trans-Pacific Mail Line.

SAN FRANCISCO LINE

Connecting with the Western Pacific railway at San Francisco to all points in the United States and Canada and with Trans-Atlantic Lines to Europe.

PROPOSED SAILING FROM HONGKONG. (Subject to alteration.)

Steamer	Tons	Captain	Date of sailing
S.S. "Tenyo Maru"	21,000	E. Bent	Nov. 6th, Noon.
S.S. "Shinyo Maru"	21,000	H. S. Smith	Nov. 26th, Noon.
S.S. "Chiyo Maru"	11,000	W. W. Green	Dec. 2nd, Noon.
S.S. "Nippon Maru"	21,000	A. G. Stevens	Jan. 11th, Noon.

These steamers are equipped with Turbine Engines and Triple Screws.

All steamers carry Japanese Government wireless telegraph and post office.

The steamer "Tenyo Maru" will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO via SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBÉ, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU on TUESDAY, the 5th Nov., at Noon.

INTERMEDIATE SERVICE.

The twin screw steamer "Nippon Maru" will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO via SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBÉ, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU on SATURDAY, the 11th January, 1913, at Noon.

SOUTH AMERICAN LINE.

In connection with the National Railway of Mexico at Manzanillo and the Tehuantepec National Railway at Salina Cruz.

Only Regular Direct Service to Mexican, Chilean and Peruvian Ports.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG (Subject to alteration.)

Steamer	Tons	Date of Sailing
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Hongkong Maru ... 11,000 ... Tuesday, December 3, Noon

Kiyo Maru ... 17,500 ... Saturday, February 1, Noon 1913

Buyo Maru ... 10,600 ... Thursday, April 3, Noon 1913.

For Further Particulars as to Passages and Freight, apply to—

S. MORIMOTO, Agent

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27,000 tons, twin screws. 27,000 tons, twin screws. 13,000 tons, twin screws. 18,000 tons, twin screws.

Also 11,000 tons, China; 12,000 tons, and Persia, 9,000 tons.

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COINAGE—The Coinage is under the direct supervision of one of the world's most famous coiners.

GAMES AND AMUSEMENTS—Deck Games, such as Quizzes, Shuffle board and all kinds of gymnastic sports, are arranged during the voyage, as well as indoor amusements, such as musical entertainments. Games and Magazine Table on deck are also arranged to while away the time.

WIRELESS AND SUBMARINE SIGNAL SERVICE—The most powerful Wireless Telegraph apparatus is installed on all steamers, and Submarine Signal Service is used as an additional measure of safety.

BILGE KEELS—Are fitted to the ships to prevent rolling at sea, thus ensuring steadiness and comfort.

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Steamers: * Persia ... 9,900 Tons Starting, Nov. 12th, at 1 p.m.

Korea ... 18,000 " " Nov. 19th, at 1 p.m.

Siberia ... 18,000 " " Dec. 8th, at 1 p.m.

* China ... 10,300 " " Dec. 10th, at 1 p.m.

Manchuria ... 27,000 " " Dec. 17th, at 1 p.m.

* Nile ... 11,000 " " Dec. 31st, at 1 p.m.

Passengers holding through Tickets have the privilege of travelling by train between Kobe and Yokohama, free of charge.

* Intermediate Steamers.

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Hongkong, 6th September, 1912. Agent.

Panama-Pacific International Exposition—San Francisco—1915.

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LOG BOOK.

The S.S. Korea.

Even after the Pacific Mail liner Korea entered San Francisco, says an American exchange, the misfortunes which had beset her during the voyage across the Pacific did not cease. While rounding to an anchorage off the barge office the steamer lost her starboard anchor and thirty-five fathoms of chain, the mishap being due to a defective link in the cable. The log told of several other untoward incidents which had occurred on the trip from the coast of Asia. The hoodoo made its appearance at Manila, where two Chinese sailors were caught trying to smuggle twenty-five tins of opium on shore. They were fined \$1,000 each and permitted to rejoin the ship. On September 17th a month-old Filipino baby died and was buried at sea. On September 22nd there occurred an accident which may result fatally to Alek Olson, a Norwegian quartermaster 24 years of age. Together with William Voortmeier, another quartermaster, Olson, before daylight on the morning of the mishap, essayed to take a swim in the plungo. Voortmeier went in first, making a short dive, but before he could apprise his companion of the fact that there was but two feet of water in the tank, Olson dived from the upper deck, a distance of about fifteen feet. He struck his head on the bottom and was knocked unconscious. Dr. W. F. McAllister, the ship's surgeon, found that the man was seriously injured. He was removed to a hospital upon the steamer's arrival at Honolulu, where it was said by the physicians that he had little chance to survive, his spine having been injured by the shock of the fall, rendering him paralyzed. While the Korea was lying at anchor in quarantine at Honolulu a Japanese "picture bride" leaped overboard with suicidal intent. Chief Officer A. T. Hunter and Dr. W. T. James, one of the quarantine examiners, plunged into the ocean after her. They succeeded in rescuing the woman. Passengers said that both men took a great risk, as sharks were seen skimming through the water but a moment after they and the rescued Japanese girl were pulled on board. On account of the cholera epidemic at Shanghai the Korea did not make that port, but make a special call at Keelung, Formosa, for tea. The voyage, so far as weather was concerned, was very favorable. The Korea brought one of the lightest passenger lists of the season, there being but sixty-two cabin passengers on board, twenty-four of whom were from the Far East. The immigration authorities were amazed at the number of Asiatic passengers on board. There were 332 Chinese in the steerage quarters, over 150 of whom were destined for Calexico, Mexico. It is said that they were induced to take passage by unscrupulous Chinese agents in the Orient, who told them that shortly after their arrival in Mexico the republic would be annexed by the United States and they would become citizens. Quite a number of these immigrants will be deported by the authorities.

But for the fog in and outside of the Golden Gate in the morning the Korea would have reached quarantine at daylight. It was while the mist obscured the bridge that Captain A. W. Nelson accomplished a feat which, when he was a boy, would have taken considerable nerve—and it did. He pulled out his eye tooth without the aid of a string, a door knob and mother's sympathy. The cuspid had bothered the skipper for a week, and it's bad enough to stick to the bridge for forty-eight hours running without a toothache. Finally the captain decided to take matters into his own hands. He took them, however, into his fingers, and out came the tooth. Captain Nelson was surprised to observe that the tooth was a good one, with no signs of decay. "I might have pulled out the wrong one," he laughed, displaying the apparently solid tooth, "but anyway the pain is gone."

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Next Sailings from Hongkong:

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S.S. LIBERIA.....13th Nov.
" ALESIA.....19th Nov.
" SAMBIA.....5th Dec.
" ARMENIA.....17th Dec.
" BRISGAVIA.....3rd Jan.
" SILESIA.....14th Jan.
" O. J. D. AHLERS.....26th Jan.
" SUEVIA.....10th Feb.

HOMEWARD.

For Marseilles and Hamburg:
S.S. SENEGBAMBIA.....10th Nov.
" SCANDIA.....16th Nov.
For Bremen, Hamburg and Antwerp:
S.S. SITHONIA.....22nd Nov.
For Havre, Rotterdam and Hamburg:
S.S. BAYERN.....27th Nov.
For Rotterdam and Hamburg:
S. S. ARAGONIA.....1st Dec.

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EASTWARD.

The S.S. "LAWADA," 3,361 tons, Captain C. H. Gunn, will be
despatched for YOKOHAMA and KOBÉ on the 13th November, at Noon,
to be followed on the 21st November, by S.S. "OKARA," Captain Evans,
taking Cargo and Passengers at current rates.
For Freight or Passage, apply to—

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.,
AGENTS.Telephone No. 215,
Hongkong, 2nd November, 1912.

LOG BOOK.

P. M. and T. K. K.

Excitement swept through the
financial and shipping districts of
San Francisco says a States paper
when telegrams were received by
brokerage firms reporting the sale
of the Pacific Mail Steamship
Company to a foreign corporation.
Some of the dispatches said the
purchaser was the Hamburg-
American Line. Others announced
it was the Toyo, Kisen Kaisha.
Confirmation of the rumour,
which would virtually mean the
disappearance of the United
States flag from merchant vessels
on the Pacific ocean, could not be
obtained. R. P. Schwerin, vice-
president and general manager
of the Pacific Mail, left recently
for New York. A. J. Frey, his
assistant, professed to know nothing
about the sale.

"We of the operating depart-
ment have heard nothing about
this matter," said Frey. "Judge
Loyert and the executive com-
mittee in New York are the only
persons in a position to speak
authoritatively on the subject."
William H. Avery, executive
of the Toyo Kaisha Kaisha
on the Pacific coast, is in Japan. L.
E. Bemiss, acting assistant
general manager, said he knew
nothing about the reported pur-
chase of the Pacific Mail.

H. P. Dorgeloh, Pacific Coast
manager of the Hamburg-Ameri-
can line, also professed ignorance.
It was explained at the office of
the company, however, that a
German newspaper recently had
what appeared to be an authori-
tative article to the effect that the
Pacific Mail fleet was to be ac-
quired and operated by a syndi-
cate consisting of the Hamburg-
American and White Star Lines.
Although the report of the sale
could not be confirmed, it was
said among shipping men that
the Pacific Mail would sooner or
later be sold by the Southern
Pacific. The shipping men took
this view because of the clause
in the recent act concerning
canal tolls which are levied on
vessels owned or controlled by
railroad companies.

One man connected with a
German company said he knew
for a fact that there had been
negotiations at Hamburg between
representatives of the Southern
Pacific and Hamburg-American
companies looking to the sale of
the Pacific Mail.

Well informed persons gener-
ally expressed the opinion that a
deal of some kind was under way
and that it was not the unwonted
activity of the stock that had in-
spired the telegrams made pub-
lic by the brokerage firms.

Notice to Mariners.

Notice is given that a rock
with 5.1 feet of water over it at
L.W.S. exists in the Front Reach
of the Canton River to the East-
ward of Whampoa Barrier. For
plotting on Admiralty Chart No.
3647 Inclined Pogoda bears from
the Rock S. 80 degree W. distant
17.2 cables.

Cape Trade Troubles.

The abandonment of the rebate
system by the South African mail
contractors has already given rise
to some trouble, says the "Man-
chester Guardian," with the
result that the is every prospect
of a big fight in the Cape trade.
All the lines operating apart from
the Union-Castle Company—
namely, the Clan, Bucknall,
Natal Direct, Aberdeen Direct,
and Ellerman-Harrison lines—
have decided to combine the
Conference agreement, and at
first it is not likely that there
will be any serious differences.
True the companies forming the
"ring" have announced a re-
arrangement of freights which
will bring their rates about 5 per
cent. below those charged by the
Union-Castle Company, but most
of the ports from which their vessels
sail are not served by the mail
boats. Moreover, in the event of
competition injurious to the con-
tractors the Union Government
will at once discriminate on the
railways and at the harbours
against the Conference steamers,
a power which has been secured
under the Post-office Act, so that
a conflict will not be rashly
entered upon. There are those,
however, entitled to speak with
authority on the subject who
assert that a keen struggle be-
tween the opposing interests is
unavoidable. At present the only
big cargo service from the United
Kingdom to which the Conference
system does not apply is the
North Atlantic trade, but there
the volume of traffic continually
requiring transport is so immense
that there is business for every
steamer and a regulation of sail-
ings is not necessary.

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Hongkong, 8th Oct. 1912.

VESSELS TAKING CARGO.

European Ports.

Destination.	Vessel's Name.	For Freight Apply To	To be Dispatched.
London and Antwerp	Flintshire	J. M. & Co.	20 November
London via Usual Ports of Call	India	P. & O. Co.	9 November
London and Antwerp via Singapore, &c.	Nyanza	P. & O. Co.	13 Nov., about
Havre, Bremen and Hamburg, &c.	Soandria	H. A. L.	15 November
Bremen, Hamburg and Antwerp, &c.	Sithonia	H. A. L.	22 November
Marseilles and Hamburg	Senegambia	H. A. L.	10 November
Marseilles, London & Antwerp via Singapore, &c.	Kitano Maru	N. Y. K.	6 Nov., d'light
Cape Ports via Mauritius	Duerois	Bank Line	Begin January
Rotterdam and Hamburg, &c.	Aragonia	H. A. L.	5 December
Trieste via Singapore, Penang & Colombo, &c.	Bohemia	S. W. & Co.	19 November
Naples, Genoa, Algiers, Gibraltar, Southampton	P. E. Friedrich	M. & Co.	13 November

New York, San Francisco and Canada.

Boston and New York via Suez Canal	City of Baroda	Bank Line	25 Nov., about
Baltimore and New York	Saint Patrick	D. & Co.	14 Nov., about
Baltimore and New York via Suez Canal	Indrakula	J. M. & Co.	6 December
San Francisco via Japan, &c.	Persia	P. M. Co.	12 November
San Francisco via Shanghai and Japan	Siberia	P. M. Co.	3 December
San Francisco via Keelung and Japan, &c.	Korea	P. M. Co.	19 November
Seattle via Japan	Minnesota	N. Y. K.	6 November
Victoria, B.O., and Tacoma via Keelung, &c.	Mexico Maru	O. S. K.	12 November
Victoria, B.O., and Seattle via Shanghai, &c.	Yokohama Maru	N. Y. K.	7 November
Vancouver	Monteagle	O. P. R. Co.	14 December
Vancouver, &c.	Lord Curzon	Bank Line	20 November
Vancouver via Shanghai and Japan, &c.	Empress of Japan	O. P. R. Co.	16 November
Mexico, Peruvian and Chili via Japan	Hongkong Maru	T. K. K.	3 December

Australia.

Australian Ports	Eastern	G. L. & Co.	9 November
do do	Nikko Maru	N. Y. K.	22 November
do do	Taiyuan	B. & S.	28 November

Singapore, Coast Ports and Japan.

Batavia, Cheribon, Samarang, &c.	Tjitaroom	J. O. J. L.	Quick despatch
Kudat and Sandakan	Borneo	M. & Co.	Middle November
Bombay via Singapore and Penang	Capri	C. & Co.	13 November
Bombay via Singapore and Colombo	Kawachi Maru	N. Y. K.	11 November
Singapore, Penang and Calcutta	Fooksang	J. M. & Co.	14 November
do do do	Dilwara	D. S. & Co.	6 November
Singapore and Sourabaya	Fausang	J. M. & Co.	5 November
do do do	Hopsang	J. M. & Co.	9 November
Singapore, Penang, Rangoon and Calcutta	Tsuru Maru	N. Y. K.	16 November
Singapore, Batavia, Samarang and Sourabaya	Bunri Maru	D. & Co.	7 Nov., about
Japan, &c.	Lawada	J. M. & Co.	10 November
Kobe and Yokohama	Tijiwong	J. O. J. L.	Quick despatch
do do do	Alesia	H. A. L.	19 November
Nagasaki, Kobe and Yokohama	Prinz Sigismund	M. & Co.	12 Nov., about
Yokohama and Kobe via Shanghai	Tango Maru	N. Y. K.	7 November
Newchwang	Kumano Maru	N. Y. K.	20 November
Anping and Toka via Swatow and Amoy	Persia	S. W. & Co.	30 November
Tientsin	Kiukiang	B. & S.	6 November
Kwangchow-wang and Haiphong	Sosho Maru	O. S. K.	13 November
Swatow	Cheongshing	J. M. & Co.	8 November
do do do	Si-Kiang	M. M. Co.	6 November
Foochow via Swatow and Amoy	Haimun	D. L. & Co.	8 November
Manila	Haitan	D. L. & Co.	8 November
do do do	Haiyang	D. L. & Co.	12 November
Manila, Cebu and Iloilo	Kaijo Maru	O. S. K.	8 November
Manila, Mangarin, Iloilo and Cebu	Yuensang	J. M. & Co.	16 November
do do do	Loongsang	B. & S.	12 November
Shanghai, Tsingtau, Kobe and Yokohama	Tea	S. T. & Co.	7 November
Shanghai, Moji and Kobe	Zafiro	S. T. & Co.	16 November
Shanghai, Moji, Kobe and Yokohama	Princess Alice	M. & Co.	13 Nov., about
Shanghai, Kobe and Moji	Sanuki Maru	N. Y. K.	6 November
Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama	Sicilia	P. & O. Co.	14 November
Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama	Namsang	J. M. & Co.	11 November
do do do	Liberia	H. A. L.	13 November
Shanghai and Japan	Kirin Maru	N. Y. K.	11 November
Shanghai	Ceylon	A. N. & Co.	17 November
do do do	Tijlakap	J. O. J. L.	Quick despatch
do do do	Tjibodas	J. O. J. L.	Quick despatch
do do do	Assaye	P. & O. Co.	7 Nov., about
do do do	Chinhua	B. & S.	7 November
do do do	Africa	S. W. & Co.	6 December

To Sail

FOR CALCUTTA, PENANG
AND SINGAPORE.(Taking cargo on Through Bills of
Lading to Rangoon, Madras, and
Mauritius).

THE Steamship

"DILWARA."
Capt. W. J. Bishop, will be despatched
above on WEDNESDAY, the 6th
Nov., at 1 p.m.
For Freight or Passage apply to
DAVID SASSOON & Co., Ltd.,
Agents,
Hongkong, 4th Nov., 1912. [804]

FOR SHANGHAI, KOBE
AND MOJI.

THE Steamship

"JAPAN."
Capt. C. P. Seddon, will be despatched
for the above ports on THURSDAY,
the 7th inst., at 4 p.m.
The steamer has superior accom-
modation for passengers, is instal-
led throughout with Electric Light
and carries a duly certified doctor.
The steamer leaves about every 2
weeks for Shanghai and Kobe (Inland
Sea), returning via Moji, providing a
stay of 5 to 6 days in Japan.
Return tickets are available by the
Indo-China Steam Navigation Co.'s
Steamers. Fare for round trip \$20.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
DAVID SASSOON & Co., Ltd.,
Agents,
Hongkong, 5th Nov., 1912. [809]

To Sail

Regular Steamship Service

With liberty to call at the
Malabar Coast.
FOR BALTIMORE AND
NEW YORK.

S.S. "SAINT" on or about 14th
PATRIOT" November.
For Freight and further information,
apply to—

DODWELL & CO., LTD.,
Agents,
16th Oct., 1912. [768]AMERICAN & MANCHURIAN
LINE.

(Bucknell Steamship Lines, Ltd.)

FOR BOSTON AND NEW YORK
via SUEZ CANAL.
(With liberty to call at the Malabar
Coast.)

THE Steamship

"CITY OF BARODA."
Captain Hargrave, will be despatched
from this port on or about MONDAY,
the 23rd November.
For Freight and further particulars
apply to—

THE BANK LINE, LTD.,
General Agents,
Hongkong, 16th Oct., 1912. [769]

To Sail

THE "INDRA" LINE,
LIMITED.

FOR BALTIMORE AND NEW YORK
via SUEZ CANAL.
(With liberty to call at the Malabar
Coast.)

THE Steamship
"INDRARULA,"
Captain A. H. Smith, will be despatched
as above about 6th prox.

This steamer has superior accommo-
dation for a limited number of first
class passengers. Fare to Baltimore
or New York \$35.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.,
Agents,
Hongkong, 16th Oct., 1912. [767]

THE NANTO-YUSEN KUMI.

(South Sea Mail S.S. Co.)

FOR SINGAPORE, BATAVIA
(MULAN) and SOERABAYA

S.S. "BANHI MARU"

It be despatched to the above Ports
on or about 7th November.
For Freight and further particulars
apply to—

DODWELL & CO., LTD.,
Agents,
Hongkong, 14th Oct., 1912. [769]MOVEMENTS OF
STEAMERS.VESSELS ADVERTISED TO
DEPART TO-MORROW.

For.	Vessel
Kudat.	Borneo.
Fort Bayard.	Shikang.
Hobhow.	Dagay.
Swatow.	Haimun.
Swatow.	Kaijo-maru.
Swatow.	Choyssang.
Niagpo.	Tungshing.
Straits.	Indrakula.
Samarang.	Chikdar.
Straits.	Dilwara.
Macao.	Sui Tai.
Japan.	Minnesota.
Japan.	Ujina-maru.
Newchwang.	Kiukiang.
Europe.	Kiukiang-maru.
Japan.	Sanuki-maru.

VESSELS ADVERTISED TO
ARRIVE TO-MORROW.

From.	Vessel
Shanghai.	Anhui.
Shanghai.	Mexico-maru.
Singapore.	Tango-maru.

AMERICAN MAIL.

The P. M. S. S. Co.'s s.s. Siferia
left San Francisco for Hongkong via
Honolulu, the Japan ports, Shanghai
and Manila, on Saturday, the 26th
Oct.

The T. K. K. s.s. Shinyo Maru left
Honolulu for Yokohama on the 25th
October, where she is due on the 6th
November.

The T. K. K. s.s. Chiyo Maru left
Honolulu for San Francisco on the
29th October, where she is due on the
4th November.

The P. M. S. S. Co.'s s.s. Persia
will be despatched from this port for
San Francisco via Shanghai, Nagasaki,
Kobe, Yokohama and Honolulu on
Tuesday, the 12th inst., at 1 p.m.

The P. M. S. S. Co.'s s.s. China
sailed from San Francisco for
Hongkong via Honolulu, the Japan
ports and Shanghai on Saturday, the
2nd inst.

ENGLISH MAIL.

The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s s.s. Assaye
left Singapore for this port on the 2nd
inst., at 8 a.m., with this outward
English Mail, and is due here on the
7th inst., at about 8 a.m.

CANADIAN MAIL.

The C. P. R. Co.'s s.s. Empress of
Japan arrived at Kobe on Friday, the
1st inst., at 8.30 p.m., and left again
at 2 a.m., on Saturday, the 2nd Novem-
ber, for Shanghai where she was due to
arrive on Monday, the 4th inst., at 8
p.m.

The C. P. R. Co.'s s.s. Empress of
India arrived at Kobe on Friday, the
1st inst., at 9 p.m., and left again at
2 p.m., on Saturday, the 2nd November,
for Shimada where she was due to arrive
on Sunday, the 3rd inst., at 10 a.m.

GERMAN MAIL.

The I. O. M. s.s. York, which left
here on the 31st October, at 10 a.m.,
arrived at Shanghai on the 3rd inst.,
at 7 a.m.

The I. G. M. s.s. Dorsfinger which
left here on Wednesday, the 30th ult.,
at 10 a.m., arrived at Singapore on
Sunday, the 3rd inst., at 9 a.m.

AUSTRALIAN MAIL.

The I. G. M. s.s. Prinz Sigismund
left Sydney on Saturday, the 19th ult.,
at 11 a.m., and may be expected here
on or about Monday, the 11th inst.

The E. & A. s.s. Empire left Sydney
for this port (via Queensland ports and
Manila) on October 29th.

The N. Y. K. s.s. Kumano Maru
Australian Line, left Sydney for this
port via ports on the 30th ult., and is
expected here on the 18th inst.

MERCHANT STEAMERS.

The Barber Line s.s. Wray Castle
sailed from New York on the 18th
August, for Hongkong via the Straits.
The Bank Line s.s. Polaris sailed
from New York on the American and
Oriental Line service for Far Eastern
ports via Suez Canal on the 5th ult.

The s.s. Glenesk passed the Suez
Canal on Tuesday, the 15th ult., for
Hongkong via Straits.

The s.s. Seangchoon left Rangoon on
the 30th ult., for Hongkong via
Penang and Singapore and is expected
to arrive here on the 11th inst.

The Mogul Line s.s. Lorak sailed
from the United Kingdom on the 26th
October for the Far East via the
Straits.

The N. Y. K. s.s. Wakasa Maru
Bombay Line, left Bombay for this port
via ports on the 1st inst., and is
expected here on the 19th inst.

The N. Y. K. s.s. Tango Maru
European Line, left Singapore for this
port on the 31st ult., and is expected
here on the 7th inst.

The Danish s.s. India is expected
here on or about the 23rd inst.

The Danish s.s. Cathay left Singapore
on the 3rd inst., and may be expected
here on or about the 8th inst.

The Bank Line s.s. Thor which left
Japan on the 3rd inst., p.m., is due
here on the 13th inst.

The U. S. K. s.s. Mexico Maru from
Tacoma left Shanghai for this port on
the 3rd inst., p.m., and is due here on
the 6th inst., p.m.

The s.s. A. Apear from Shanghai and
Kobe left Moji on Sunday afternoon,
and may be expected here on or about
the 8th inst.

The s.s. Capri left Singapore for this
port on Thursday, the 31st ult., and
may be expected here on or about the
7th inst.

The I.-C. S. N. Co.'s s.s. Chuan-
sang, from Java, is due at Hongkong
on the 8th inst.

The I.-C. S. N. Co.'s s.s. Yatsing,
from Calcutta, is due at Hongkong on
the 11th inst., and leaves for Japan
on the 14th inst.

The Shira Line s.s. Shighaire,
from London is due at Hongkong on
the 7th inst., having left Singapore on
the 29th ult.

The B. I. S. N. Co.'s s.s. Lawada,
from Rangoon, via Singapore, is due
at Hongkong on the 8th inst., and
leaves for Japan on the 10th inst.

The T. K. K. s.s. Hongkong Maru
arrived at Yokohama from Honolulu
on the 30th October, and is expected
in Hongkong on the 10th November.

The T. K. K. s.s. Kiyo Maru left
Yokohama for Iquique on the 29th
October where she was due on the 2nd
November.

The T. K. K. s.s. Bujo Maru
arrived at Honolulu from Yokohama
on the 4th November, and left the
same day for Manzanillo.

VESSELS IN PORT.

STEAMERS.

Atokou Maru, Jap. s.s., 2,644, T.
Yoshitara, 28th Oct.—Moji
22nd Oct., Coal—M. B. K.

Bani Maru, Jap. s.s., 2,369, Y. Maru,
4th Nov.—Kobe 22nd Oct.,
Gen.—D. & Co.

Borneo, Ger. s.s., 2,165, F. Sembill,
30th Oct.—S. dakan 6th
Oct., Timor, etc.—M. & Co.

Chongshing, Br. s.s., 1,231, Liddell,
2nd Nov.—Canton 1st Nov.,
Gen.—J. M. & Co.

Dagay, Nor. s.s., 852, B. Solvén,
1st Nov.—Kwang Yau 27th
Oct., Gen.—T. & Co.

Dilwara, Br. s.s., 4,860, W. J. Bishop,
1st Nov.—Kobe

HOTEL LISTS.

HONGKONG	HONGKONG
Abdulla, F.	McKenney Dr. C.
Barber, A. T.	W. & Mr.
Bate, E. R.	Mohr, K. B.
Barthelemy, Mr.	Mogge, E.
Mrs. de	Mentzer, W. A.
Barton, C. P.	Moller, E.
Beaumont, G. A.	Morish, J.
Beall, Mrs. E. B.	Moyer, Mrs. H.
Hell, C. D. J.	Mickle, D. M.
Beas, G. A.	Mitchellmore, Mr.
B. chenough, W. H.	and Mrs. E. V.
Blackwelder, Mrs.	and child
B.	Mulder, Mr. and
Blanc, B.	Mrs. J. D. F.
Blanch, Mr. and	Nethercomb, Capt.
Mrs. N. F.	and Mrs. F. D.
Brown, A. C. S.	Orrison, J.
Burrow, Mrs. F.	Orr, R. C.
Burcher, O.	Palmer, L.
Campbell, Lady	Paddisford, Mrs. J.
Claxton, A. A.	B.
Cokely, T. J.	Pinart, Mr. and
Cooper, W. A. J.	Mrs.
Crocker, Miss	Potter, Miss
Crozier, Mrs. L. H.	Prager, Mr. and
Curry, O. P.	Mrs. G.
Davis, C. H.	Randall, Dr. L. F.
Deane, A. F.	Ray, E. H.
Debor, C.	Reay, Miss F.
D'Ostingen, V.	Reich, Chas.
Douglas, Mrs. R. H.	Richmond, Mr. &
Drew, W. C.	Mrs. G. F.
Edwards, J. E.	Roray, de
Ernst, Mr. and	Rosenbaum, S. S.
Mrs. H. O.	Rosenbaum, R. T.
Fairbairn, C. J.	Rosenbaum, M.
Farley, W. A.	and Mrs.
Fendley, Mrs. C.	Schno ke, W.
Fisher, J. G.	Shuster, Dr.
F. W. A. S.	Shaw, Major and
Frank, Mr. and	Sibley, J. C.
Mrs. J. S. N.	Solomon, H. H.
French, Mr. and	Spier, J.
Fulter, Doman	S. S. berg E.
Gagarin, Prince S.	Sullivan, P. G.
George, Mr. & Mrs.	Stanton, C. D.
P. J.	Stanton, E. L.
Gorge, Miss	Stephenson, B.
Gordon, A. G.	Steadmann, Mrs.
Gough, Capt. G. A.	Stevens, C. A.
Graham, V.	Street, G. T.
Gould, Mr. & Mrs. J.	Sutherland, P. D.
Gutierrez, I.	Square, Miss
Gratman, D. M. G.	Swann, Thomas
Grimshaw, R. J.	Taylor, Mrs. H.
Hall, Capt. T. P.	Taylor, Mrs. W. S.
Hanault, Mr. and	Taylor, J. W. S.
Mrs. W. A.	Thakroty, J. A.
Harbord, W. T.	Thakroty, Miss H.
Hardy, Mrs.	Tarnbull, D.
Hardman, A. E.	Vanderly, Mr. &
Hick, M. E. S.	Mrs. T. N.
Holpe, E.	Vermeli, G.
Hon, Dr. S.	Vollbracht, E.
Hoyt, W. H.	Vollbracht, Mrs. F.
Innes, Capt. R.	Waterhouse, Mr.
Joseph, S. L.	and Mrs. F. T. P.
Ju ba, Mrs. A. N.	Waterman, Mr. &
Hardy, Mrs.	Mrs. E. J.
Koumar, S.	Watkins, H.
Kubitz, Dr.	Webb, Mr. & Mrs.
Lanning, Mrs. G.	B.
L. and other, Miss	Welsh, Capt. W. D.
Lehn, G. F.	Wentz, C. E.
Liao Chung-shi	Whamond, D. M.
Liedtke, L.	Wilderby, Miss F.
Lloyd, G. T.	White, Mr. & M.
Lopes, Lt. J. M.	H. L. H.
Macgregor, N. C.	Withington, Mr.
MacKenzie, A.	and Mrs. J. W.
Madlen, J.	Whitmarsh, A.
Mendes, Capt.	Wood, G. G.
Mora, B.	Wood, Mr. and
Mari, Dr. O.	Mrs. P. R.
MacIntyre, Mr. &	Wright, Mr. and
Mrs. Nell	Mrs. J. F.
Malleson, Mrs. R.	Yung, J. C.
T. & child	Yung, B. G.

Consignees

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

S.S. "PERSIA,"
FROM SAN FRANCISCO, JAPAN
PORTS & SHANGHAI.

The above mentioned vessel having arrived Consignees of cargo are hereby notified to send in their Bills of Lading for (counter)signature and take immediate delivery of cargo from alongside. Cargo impending discharge will be landed at immediately at consignees' risk and expense.

Cargo remaining on board after TUESDAY, 5th November, 1912, at Noon, will be landed at consignees' risk and expense.

No claims will be entertained for damage or loss unless packages have been examined prior to delivery and list of exceptions furnished consignees.

No Fire Insurance whatever will be effected.

All chafed and otherwise damaged cargo will be examined at the above Company's Godown THURSDAY, November 7th, 1912, at 10 a.m.

All Claims must be filed on or before December 2nd, 1912, otherwise they will not be recognized.

FRED. J. HALTON,
Agent,
Hongkong, 2nd Nov., 1912. [810]

NORDEUTSCHER LLOYD, BREMEN.

IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINE.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE Steamship

"VOROK"

having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their goods, with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables, are being landed and stored at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, Kowloon, and West Point Godowns, whence delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on unless intimation is received from the Consignees before noon to-day requesting it to be landed here.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all goods remaining undelivered after the 6th of Nov., will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 6th of Nov., at 9.30 a.m.

All claims must reach us before the 13th of November, 1912, or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected. Bills of Lading will be counter-signed by the undersigned.

NORDEUTSCHER LLOYD, MELOERS & CO., General Agents.

Hongkong, 2nd Nov., 1912.

"MOGUL" LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE Steamship

"ERROLL"

FROM GLASGOW, LIVERPOOL AND STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES OF Cargo are hereby

informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of Hols Wharf at Kowloon, whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all goods remaining undelivered after the 9th of Nov., will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 1st prox., or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 8th of Nov., at 2.30 p.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be counter-signed by the undersigned.

DODWELL & CO., LTD., Agents.

Hongkong, 2nd Nov., 1912. [830]

The Titanic Relief Fund

The Mansion House Titanic Relief Fund Committee on October 8 adopted a scheme for the future administration of the fund by local committees under the guidance of a central body in London. The fund amounts to £276,780, and there are claims in respect of 1,481 dependants of 649 members of the crew, and 835 dependants of 561 passengers.

East African Protectorate.

The New Governor, Practical-ly the whole population gathered to witness the arrival at Nairobi last month of Mr. Belfield, the new Governor, who was escorted by leading officials and a guard of honour. The National Anthem was played and addresses of welcome were presented by the leading associations.

TELEPHONE MARVEL.

Wonder Working Invention Exhibited in Hongkong.

Is the telephone girl doomed?

To all appearance her day is nearly over, for there is now an exchange not only on the market but already installed in different parts of the United Kingdom and the United States, that does away with the services of operators. The apparatus, which is known as the Strowger System, is at present being exhibited and its wonders demonstrated to the Hongkong Telephone Company, and thanks to the courtesy of the Manager of the institution, a representative of the "Hongkong Telegraph," was permitted to inspect the new device. Mr. E. J. Flanagan and Mr. P. E. Slingo, who represent the Automatic Telephone Manufacturing Co. (Ltd.), Telephone, Telegraph, and Signalling Engineers, Milton Road, Edge Lane, Liverpool, kindly explained the working of the apparatus, and convincingly explained its general utility and labour-saving. They also put up a good case for their system superseding the manual systems.

When the Bell Rings. The first ringing of the dial on the telephone instrument, then, has the effect of raising the moving contact bar upwards to the row of fixed contacts corresponding with the first numeral of our number—in this case 7. Ingenious mechanism then modifies the apparatus, so that when we finger the dial again, bring the 5 round to the check, the moving contact (D) on the bar revolves (not rises) until it touches the fifth contact in this seventh row. This particular contact is, of course, the terminus of subscriber No. 75's line, and so his bell rings and communication is established with him.

A further contrivance is arranged so that in the event of his being engaged, the customary "engaged" signal is given. An automatic record of the call for the purposes of charging up, is also effected whenever communication is established.

When the call is finished and the receiver is hung up again a circuit is closed at the exchange, which causes the contact bar to fall down again into the preliminary position.

There are a hundred and one other devices which come into play that are of too technical a character to discuss here, but the ingenious "connector" above described forms the soul of the apparatus.

More complicated still is the exchange which deals with over ninety-nine subscribers; but the selector device used for an exchange of 1,000 lines can with almost equal facility be applied for a still larger exchange for five or ten thousand lines.

As it is Done.

With each telephone installed there is a disc containing slotted numbers from one to a cypher and with these the caller is able to fix up any number required. He has simply to press the successive figures until eventually, when the desired number is complete, he is put into direct communication with the telephone corresponding to the number selected. No hand need touch the exchange. Once linked up and the bell on the telephone called keeps on ringing, until someone removes the receiver or the caller becomes impatient and replaces his. Immediately the receiver is replaced the connection is discontinued. Should, say, No 338 be engaged when 222 makes a call, the caller will be acquainted of the fact by a peculiar buzzing in his receiver which is known as the "busy" signal. Whilst two persons are speaking it is therefore impossible for anyone to intercept what is passing. No one can possibly break in whilst two telephones are connected. Should a careless individual leave the receiver off, then a howling noise is made when a caller requires his attention and if he is anywhere in the neighbourhood of the telephone he must hear it.

Secrecy Maintained.

By this system secrecy is maintained beyond doubt. There is no operator to intercept the message and the mechanic governing the whole of the installation could not possibly say what numbers were connected because the numbers are formed at the telephone of the caller. The only indications the mechanic has are when there is faulty working and this is indicated by a series of lights.

The British Postal Authorities have put the system through every test known to their premier engineers, and have been so greatly impressed by it that it has been decided to put a 7,000 line exchange at Leeds with an ultimate capacity for 15,000. At Cordova, in the Argentine, there is a 5,000 line exchange, at Los Angeles 47,000 telephones, at Chicago 30,000, and in the United States altogether 360,000 telephones. In several parts of Great Britain and the United States it is only a matter of time before more of the Strowger exchanges will be installed.

The "Daily Mail" dealing with the installation in the British Post Office, Epsom, states:—

Suppose we want to ring up a subscriber whose number is 75. We take up our receiver, place a finger on the numeral 7, and turn the disc round until the finger comes against a stop or check. We then start again, placing a finger on the numeral 5, and repeat the performance.

What Happens at the Exchange. We shall then—provided the subscriber's line be free—be in telephonic communication with him, his bell ringing until he comes to talk to us.

This is what happens at the exchange. As we turn the disc round with the finger on the numeral 7—obviously rotating it through seven "points"—we make one after another, seven electrical contacts and send

through the line seven consecutive electric currents.

These currents cause, by means of electro-magnetic mechanism, a bar (A) to be raised up seven "steps" (B). This bar is itself an electrical contact, and is the "hook" of our simile.

It can be raised or lowered, and also rotated, and it moves against ten rows of fixed electric contacts (C), with ten contacts in each row. These rows are fixed on the arc of a circle, and correspond to hooks arranged on the inside of the cylinder.

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There are a hundred and one other devices which come into play that are of too technical a character to discuss here, but the ingenious "connector" above described forms the soul of the apparatus.

More complicated still is the exchange which deals with over ninety-nine subscribers; but the selector device used for an exchange of 1,000 lines can with almost equal facility be applied for a still larger exchange for five or ten thousand lines.

The automatic exchange is a lifeless room fitted with numbers of these ingenious instruments, arranged side by side, some or others of them busily moving the whole time in response to the movements by the subscribers of their dials; ceaseless activity is going on as if by magic, the delicate mechanism responding with unfailing accuracy to the demands of the telephone users connected with the exchange.

It is the Strowger system that is at work at the Epsom trial exchange. The somewhat similar Lormer system was described in an article on the magazine page of "The Daily Mail" as long ago as 1905—nearly seven years ago. The Lormer system was installed experimentally in Paris for four months. Four years later an automatic exchange was tested at Hildesheim, in Germany, while so great an advance has been made in this work in America that over 300,000 automatic telephones are said to be in use. There are four exchanges in Chicago which have between them 30,000 lines.

Mr. D. Sinclair, of the British Insulated and Helsby Cables, Ltd., who are now making the improved Strowger apparatus, said recently that it was as easy to deal with 70,000 lines as with seventy. The exchanges at Epsom and Caterham may therefore be regarded as experiments that are fairly certain of ultimate success, and the lifeless telephone exchange and accurate and rapid linking-up of subscribers may be regarded as a rapidly approaching event.

All Souls' Celebration at Happy Valley.

On Saturday afternoon the Catholic Cemetery at Happy Valley was visited by many thousands of people—Europeans, Eurasians and Chinese—the occasion being the solemnity of All Souls. A vast number of wreaths and crosses were taken to the Cemetery to be laid on the various graves and, after a solemn procession and the chanting of the *Miserere*, an eloquent sermon was preached by Father Spada, Provincial Apostolic, on the duty of Catholics towards the dead.

PUSING BHARU.

Smaller Output But Larger Profit.

The fifth annual general meeting of the Pusing Bharu Tin Mines, Limited, was held on September 25, at Salisbury House, London Wall, E.C., Mr. W. A. Luning presiding.

In the course of his speech, the Chairman said:—The formal report, balance sheet and profit and loss account, with your approval, we will take as read. The accounts as rendered to you are so clear that it is quite unnecessary for us to enlarge thereon, but a few comparisons with the returns of last year will be of interest. The production of black tin at the mine was 6,943 piculs, as against 8,544 for 1910, i.e., a decrease of 1,601 piculs. The amount realised per ton shows an improvement over the previous year, being £114.1s. 2d. as against £93.19s. 8d. in 1910, this being due to higher prices ruling for the metal. The total working expenses show a decrease of 28,242 piculs, or £3,295, on the previous year, which is accounted for by the smaller yardages dealt with, viz., 12,512 yards less overburden and 34,118 yards less karang. The net revenue from the sale of ore and the profit from tributors amounts to £43,388 as against £48,080 from the same source last year.

Result of The Year. After the payment of the ordinary expenses of working the property, administration expenses in the Federated Malay States and London, and making provision for income tax, there is shown a profit of £13,785, from which must be deducted amounts written off electrical power generating station, machinery and development and general expenditure accounts, in all £2,027, leaving a balance of £11,758; to this is to be added £1,292 brought forward from last year, making £13,050 to be dealt with. Out of this sum dividends amounting to 12½ per cent. absorbing £10,000 have been paid which you will presently be asked to confirm—£3,000 has been carried to reserve account, which will now stand at £5,000, and we propose to recommend that a further dividend of 2½ per cent.—requiring £2,000—be paid, making the total dividends for the year 15 per cent. free of income tax. (Hear, hear.) This distribution will leave a final balance of £430, which amount we propose to carry forward to next year. The main point in the accounts is that out of a smaller output of tin this year than was produced in the previous year we have been able to make a much larger net profit, and pay what we think you will agree is a very satisfactory dividend distribution on your shares.

The Larger Profit. This larger profit is, of course, mainly accounted for by the higher prices obtained for our product, the London market price of tin rising from £188 per ton in January to £203 per ton in December last. It also shows that we have got our working and administration expenses down to what, in our opinion, is as low a figure as the mine can be efficiently worked at, and we might add that we believe that it is a much lower figure than that of any other mines of the same class in the Federated Malay States.

You will naturally be interested in the development of the mine and of future working. During the period under review the directors have adhered to the policy which we have outlined at previous meetings—viz., that of developing the mine fairly and systematically, with due regard to the future. It would not interest you to hear from us a mass of technical information as to the values of the ground we have worked and methods of treating it, and the various problems we have had to face since last we met the shareholders; it should suffice if we say that during that period we have continued to steadily open up and develop the mine in what we believe to be the most economical and, at the same time, the most systematic manner. We have not, as is sometimes done, attempted to return large outputs from "rich" ground, in order to take advantage of the high prices of the metal, leaving poorer

ground to be developed later, in the hope that prices will remain high; we have taken the ground as it came, both rich and poor alike, and endeavoured to return a more or less uniform output, putting, keeping our expenses as low as possible, and at the same time developing well ahead, with due and proper regard for the future. You will have seen that our output for June, July and August this year showed a decrease over previous returns, and this the manager advises is due to the fact that more or less poor ground had to be out through and treated in order to reach better grade ground, which by boring had been located beyond it. In August we were advised that an output of approximately 500 piculs might be expected, but it was again found that the ground offered considerable difficulties, the karang being very patchy and uneven, and did not yield as good returns as anticipated.

A Forward Policy. Since the issue of our formal report to you, we have received a cable from our general manager asking for a director to go to confer with him regarding the working policy of the mine in the near future. Mr. Payne-Gallwey is unable to convey his precise ideas in a cable of any ordinary length, and he has stated that he was writing fully by the following mail. Meanwhile my colleagues have arranged for me to leave for the property, and I should be there early in November. We were not altogether surprised to receive this request by cable in view of the fact that Mr. Knapp has consequently referred in his advice to the limestone cropping up through the karang, and in many instances practically solid walls have had to be cut away in order to carry our track rails through to the karang. Your policy in creating a substantial cash reserve must always be a sound one. If we should find it advisable to instal a gravel pump, we have quite sufficient cash in hand to provide for such capital expenditure without encroaching upon our current revenue.

I beg to move: "That the report of the directors produced, together with the annexed statement of accounts to December 31, 1911, be now received, approved and adopted; that the payment of interim dividends, amounting to 12½ per cent. on the issued capital of the company, be approved and confirmed; and that a final dividend of 2½ per cent., making in all 15 per cent. for the year, be and is hereby declared."

Commander W. T. Littlejohns seconded the motion.

The New General Manager. During the course of the discussion which ensued Mr. F. J. Bryant asked whether any special instructions would be given to the new general manager to prospect. He thought that a man of the capacity of Mr. Arthur Payne-Gallwey might, if he devoted some of his time to prospecting, be able to find a new property, which would prolong the life of the company. They had a cash reserve of something like £8,000 at the present time, and certain amount should be set aside for prospecting in that very rich country.

The Chairman, in reply, said the suggestion made by Mr. Bryant had engaged the attention of the directors ever since the inception of the company, but the former executive on the other side had not been so cordially disposed to the suggestions, which emanated from the board in London, as they might have been. That obstacle had now been removed, and the present general manager had no prejudices against suggestions made in London, and was, in fact, extremely anxious to fall in with the views of the directors. Mr. Payne-Gallwey, before he went out, had explicit instructions on the question of prospecting, and was told that it was of the highest importance that he should look around for additional properties. Mr. Payne-Gallwey said that he was hopeful of acquiring a new property more or less approximate to their mine, but up to the present nothing had materialised. He had further wired asking for the attendance of a director, and he (the Chairman) was leaving for the property on October 11.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

COMMERCIAL.

Foreign Trade of September.

The trade returns for September are again highly satisfactory, says the "Times," both imports and exports showing largely increased values, notwithstanding that the month had one working day less than September, 1911.

The following table shows the value of the imports and exports for the month of September and for the nine months ended September together with the increases as compared with the corresponding periods of 1911:—

September, 1912.
Imports.—£57,184,788 £505,233 or 6.5 per cent.
Exports.—£43,205,469; £6,385,215 or 17.3 per cent.

Re-exports.—£8,034,788; £216,409 or 2.7 per cent.
Nine Months ended Sept. 1912.
Imports.—£528,965,340; £39,570,231 or 8.0 per cent.
Exports.—£354,232,595; £23,104,708 or 6.9 per cent.

Re-exports.—£82,919,938; £5,368,324 or 6.9 per cent.

With regard to the Imports, raw materials and articles mainly unmanufactured advanced by £1,711,325; articles wholly or mainly manufactured by £1,421,971; food, drink, and tobacco by £331,021; and miscellaneous and unclassified articles by £40,016.

As regards the exports of the United Kingdom, the increase of £6,385,215 is divided between the classes as follows:—Articles wholly or mainly manufactured advanced by £5,408,617; raw materials and articles mainly unmanufactured by £787,235; food, drink, and tobacco by £6,722; and miscellaneous and unclassified articles by £184,641.

The following circular has been recently sent round to firms concerned by Messrs. Paterson Simons, of Singapore. It is interesting to note that the New York Conference by saving the secret five per cent rebate at the beginning of the year got a rise to that extent, and it now takes a further ten to fifteen per cent. Of the articles mentioned probably those least able to stand the rise are gum copal and damar and the rise may seriously affect local trade in these. If we are not mistaken the last time gums were raised as high as fifty shillings was at least seven or eight years ago and the rise failed as the Conference found that it was more likely to kill the business than to improve their. The results was an almost immediate reduction to 42.6. The present circular is as follows:—

Rates of Freight from Singapore to Boston and New York. Please note the following alterations in rates to come into force on Tuesday the 22nd October 1912. Gum Arabic, Gum Benjamin, Gum Copal and Gum Damar 50s. per scale ton, formerly 42s. 6d. Sago flour, Tapioca flour and Rattans 30s. per scale ton, formerly 27s. 6d. Jelotong 35s. per ton, formerly 30s. The New York Conference have decided to protect forward contracts and shippers will be given the opportunity of declaring them to the Secretaries not later than 4 p.m. on Monday the 21st October 1912. No shipments at the old rates will be taken after the 31st December 1912.

Hollo Sugar Statistics. Oct. 6, 1912.
1910-11 Crop.
Exports since Oct. 31, 1911.
In Piculs.
Superior Wet

Great Britain 2,028,000
United States 1,183,573
Japan 113,400
China 245,805
Coastwise 5,877

Total... 2,184,071
1911-12 Crop. Wet

Great Britain 1,183,573
United States 113,400
Japan 245,805
China 5,877

Current 10,269
Shanghai Bullion.
October 29, 1912.
Bar Silver... 229.16
Mexican Dollars... 74.2
Dragon Dollars... 74.2
Native Bank Rate... 74.2

Copper Cash... 1.763
Shanghai Gold Bars Shanghai... 1.763
Native Interest... 1.763
Sovereigns... 1.763
Buying rate... 1.763

DIRECTORS AND THEIR LIABILITIES, DUTIES AND POWERS.

Foreign Corporations (Continued.)

In consequence, doubtless, of the decision in the case of *Thomas v. United Rutter Companies of France*, (1909) 2 Ch. 484, to the effect that Sec. 192 of the Act of 1908 (Sec. 185 of the new Ordinance) does not apply to a sale of the undertaking of a Company to a foreign corporation, it is understood that it is proposed, shortly, to amend the Companies Ordinance 1911 by defining a "transferee company" under Sec. 185 to mean any Company, whether incorporated in Hongkong or elsewhere. The reason for this proposed amendment is probably also the fact that many a Company may have been, or may hereafter be, incorporated in the small Colony of Hongkong which it may be desired to reconstruct by the sale of its property and undertaking to a Company incorporated in Great Britain, or elsewhere, for shares in the latter Company.

Unless power is expressly conferred upon a Company by its memorandum of association to sell its whole undertaking, for shares in another Company, a sale for such a consideration cannot be put through, except in England, under section 192 of the Act of 1908, or in Hongkong, under section 185 of the local Ordinance (*Simpson v. Westminster Palace Hotel Co.*, 111 L. R. 121). If therefore those sections do not apply to Companies incorporated abroad, a Company incorporated in Hongkong, which possesses no power to do so under its memorandum of association, will be quite unable to effect a sale of its undertaking for shares in another Company incorporated in England; except perhaps by first going into liquidation, and then applying for, and obtaining, the express sanction of the Court to such a sale by the liquidator. (*Agro Maritima v. Bank L. R.* 12 Eq. (500a). It has, however, become customary of late to insert amongst the objects of a Company in its memorandum of association power to sell all or any part of its property, or its whole undertaking, to any person or syndicate, or to another Company for shares in such other Company. Where this is so, no real difficulty can arise in carrying out such a sale, provided that due provision is made for safeguarding the interests of shareholders in the selling Company. It was formerly held in the case of *Colton v. The Imperial & Corporation* (1892) 3 Ch. 454 that where, in exercise of an express power to that effect contained in its memorandum, a company had sold its whole undertaking, for shares in another Company, a dissentient shareholder, who was unwilling to take the new shares, was not entitled to demand that the liquidators of the selling Company should purchase his shares at a price to be determined in accordance with the provisions of Sec. 161 of the Act of 1892 (Sec. 185 of the new Ordinance). According to the ruling in that case it would appear that a shareholder is bound either to take the shares allotted to him in the new Company, or to lose his interest altogether. But in the later case of *Biggood v. Nile Valley Co.* 1906 1 Ch. 747 (following the decision of the Court of Appeal in the case of *Manners v. St. David's Co.* (1894) 2 Ch. 593) it was held that a dissentient shareholder could not be compelled to elect, to either take new shares on, which there was a liability, or whatever price could be obtained on the market for his old shares, or to forfeit these shares altogether, but the value of his interest must be ascertained fairly. The decision in *Colton's* case was followed by Buckley J. in the case of *Doughty v. Longagunda Reefs Ltd.* (1902) 2 Ch. 837, but it was made evident by the judgment that the learned judge, though he considered himself bound to follow the earlier decision in *Colton's* case, doubted its accuracy. Some years later that decision was overruled by the Court of Appeal in the case of *Biggood v. Henderson & Co.* (1908) 1 Ch. 743 in which it was held that where, in contemplation of a sale of the whole undertaking of a Company for shares in a new

Company, it was proposed to wind-up the old Company, a shareholder therein could not be deprived of his rights, under the equivalent in England of sec. 185 of the Companies Ordinance, to have his shares valued in a particular manner, and the value thereof paid to him. And, this, notwithstanding any special provisions contained in the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the old Company, enabling a sale to be made, and defining the rights of shareholders in the event of such a sale. The decision was based upon the ground that a Company cannot, by any provision in its articles, deprive its Members of their statutory rights—as was held in the case of *Payne v. Cork Co.* (1900) 1 Ch. 308. The soundness of such decision has been seriously doubted by well known lawyers and text-book writers (notably Sir Francis Palmer), but, whether or not it is correct, not only is it binding upon all Courts in England until a contrary determination has been arrived at by the House of Lords, but as laid down by the Privy Council in the case of *Trimble v. Hill*, 5 A. C. 342, the "Colonial Courts should also govern themselves by it." This being so, it may be taken that the law in Hongkong as it now stands is that, no matter what is contained in the Memorandum and Articles of Association of a company, a dissentient shareholder cannot be deprived of his rights under Sec. 185 of the Companies Ordinance 1911 where a Company is "proposed to be" wound up voluntarily in view of a sale of its undertaking to another Company, in consideration of shares in such other Company. Consequently it is incumbent upon the directors of the selling Company, before completing an assignment of its assets to the purchasing Company, to see that provision is made for the satisfaction of the claims of any dissentient members of the selling Company.

The usual method of procedure, where it is proposed to reconstruct a Company by selling its undertaking under a power for that purpose contained in its Memorandum, to a new Company to be formed is for a provisional agreement to be entered into by some one on behalf of the selling Company with a Trustee for the proposed new Company, then for the Members of the selling Company in general meeting, to ratify and confirm that agreement (which should contain a clause providing for the purchase by the new Company of the shares of any dissentient members of the old Company), and subsequently, for a resolution to be passed to wind up the selling Company and authorising the liquidator to complete the transfer and to receive and distribute the new shares amongst the shareholders of the selling Company. To comply with the ruling in *Biggood's* case this resolution should be to complete and distribute in accordance with the provisions of Sec. 192 of the Act (Sec. 185 of the Ordinance). And see *Imperial Bank of China L. R.* 6 Eq. 91. Assisted by Sir Francis Palmer in his *Precedents* (10th Ed. Vol. 1 p. 338) the selling Company may find itself in an awkward position if it goes into liquidation with a view to selling its assets and undertaking to a new Company to be formed, and if, that new Company is not in fact floated, for it will not be able to continue its business until an order of Court is obtained to stay the winding up. Or it may find itself in the same awkward position if, after the agreement is executed, an order of Court is obtained by a dissentient shareholder restraining the carrying out of the agreement; as in the case cited of *Biggood v. Henderson & Co.* (To be Continued to-morrow)

Licensing Sessions.

The annual Licensing Sessions take place at the Council Chamber to-morrow.

Crown Land Sale.

At the sale of Crown Lands yesterday inland lot 1934 West of the Public Laundry Kennedy Road, brought \$2,295, the upset price being \$2,235. The purchaser was U. Man Cho. Inland lot 1935, upset price \$5,000, realised \$7,020; purchasers Messrs Leigh and Orange. The land is below Kennedy Road, adjoining inland lot 1940.

POST OFFICE.

XMAS AND NEW YEAR PARCELS.

The Public are informed that the Christmas and New Year Parcels Mail to the United Kingdom and Countries beyond, will be closed in this Office on Friday, the 8th of November at 5 p.m. This Parcel Mail by the long-sea route via Gibraltar is due to reach London on the 14th of December. Parcels may be forwarded by the same Mail via Brindisi with an extra fee of 60 cents. Parcels so superseded are due to reach London on the 6th of December. The following Mail of the 22nd November is not due in London via Gibraltar, until the 29th of December, via Brindisi on the 20th of December. Parcels containing Gold or Silver must be insured for at least part of their value. All insured Parcels must be sealed. All the seals must be of the same coloured wax and must bear the impression of a private device. This device must be the same on each seal. Straight, Curved, Crossed or Dotted Lines are not admissible. Buttons, Coins or Thin plates are not to be used for sealing.

The Clerks of the Post Office are forbidden to affix stamps on Letters or Parcels or to seal any article for the Public. Parcels that in the opinion of the Officer handling the same do not comply with the regulations, will not be accepted.

It is requested that Parcels be posted early.

MAILS ARRIVED TO-DAY.

Manila, s.s. Yuensang.

Swatow, s.s. Haiman.

MAILS VIA SIBERIA.

London Oct. 18

Oct. 19

Oct. 20

Oct. 21

Oct. 22

Oct. 23

Oct. 24

Oct. 25

Oct. 26

Oct. 27

Oct. 28

MAILS DUE.

Siberian, Amoy, 6th inst.

English, Amoy, 7th inst.

Canadian, Emp. of Japan, 7th inst.

Gen. Man, P. Sigismund, 11th inst.

The s.s. Amoy is due to arrive here to-morrow, with the Siberian Mail from London of Wednesday and Friday the 16th and 18th ult.

The s.s. Assaye with the English Mail, left Singapore on Saturday, the 2nd inst. at 8 a.m. and may be expected to arrive here on Thursday on Thursday the 7th inst. at about 8 a.m. This Packet brings the Parcel Mail closed in London for despatch by the all sea route on the 2nd ult., and for despatch overland on the 5th ult.

The s.s. Express of Japan is due to arrive here on Thursday the 7th inst. with the Canadian Mail and the Mail from London (via Siberia) of Saturday the 10th ult.

MAILS CLOSE.

Kudat and Sandakan—Per Borneo, 6th Nov., 8 a.m.

Port Bayard, Haiphong, Pakhoi and Saigon—Per S. Kiang, 6th Nov., 8 a.m.

Swatow—Per Haiman, 6th Nov., 10 a.m.

Hoihow and Pakhoi—Per Dagny, 6th Nov., 10 a.m.

Swatow, Amoy and Foochow—Per Kaijo-maru, 6th Nov., 11 a.m.

Straits—Per Indrakula, 6th Nov., 11 a.m.

Ningpo—Per Tungshing, 6th Nov., 11 a.m.

Swatow—Per Choyang, 6th Nov., 11 a.m.

Straits and India, via Calcutta—Per Dilwara, 6th Nov., noon.

Macao—Per Sui Tai, 6th Nov., 1.15 p.m.

J. pan via Nagasaki and Seattle—Per Monseu, 6th Nov., 3 p.m.

N. whang—Per Kiching, 6th Nov., 3 p.m.

Shanghai, North China and Japan via Mei, Victoria and Seattle—Per Yokohama-maru, 7th Nov., 11 a.m.

Shanghai and North China—Per Chihna, 7th Nov., 3 p.m.

Shanghai and North China and Japan via Kobe—Per Japan, 7th Nov., 8 p.m.

Manzanillo and Gnyamas—Per Foo-ching, 7th Nov., 5 p.m.

Shanghai and North China (Europe) via S. Kiang—Per Assaye, 7th Nov., 5 p.m.

Swatow, Amoy and Foochow—Per Haiman, 8th Nov., 10 a.m.

Tientsin—Per Cheongshing, 8th Nov., 11 a.m.

Philippine Islands—Per Rabi, 8th Nov., 3 p.m.

Philippine Islands, Australia, Tasmania and New Zealand via Port Darwin—Per Eastern, 10th Nov., 10 a.m.

Straits, Burma, Ceylon, & India, Aden, Egypt, and Europe via Brindisi (Lat. Letters 11 a.m. to noon, Extra Postage 10 cents.) (Supplementary mail on board up to the time fixed for departure of the mail (Extra Postage 10 cents.) (Letters posted in all the Pillar Boxes in time for the first clearance will be included in this contract mail.) The Parcel Mail will be closed on Friday, Nov. 8th at 5 p.m.—Per India, 9th Nov., 11 a.m.

SHIPPING NEWS.

ARRIVED.

Hai Ko g. Chi s.s., 1,698, Halkett, 4th Nov.—Shanghai 1st Nov., Gen.—China.

Banmohr, Br. s.s., 3,067, A. H. Smith, 4th Nov.—Kaelung 2nd Nov., Teas, etc.—J., M. & Co.

Indrakula, Br. s.s., 3,607, A. H. Smith, 4th Nov.—Kaelung 2nd Nov., Teas, etc.—J., M. & Co.

Kumchow, Br. s.s., 1,600, Maifin, 4th Nov.—Saigon 30th Oct., Gen.—Man Fat & Co.

Michael Jensen, Ger. s.s., 951, T. Petersen, 4th Nov.—Haiphong and Hoihow 30th Oct., Gen.—J. & Co.

Olara Jensen, Ger. s.s., 1,108, A. T. Uden, 4th Nov.—Sourabaya 16th Oct., Sugar.—J. & Co.

Vi Loong, Br. s.s., 1,121, Wrightson, 4th Nov.—Chingwan 28th Oct., Coal.—S. & Co.

Yuensang, Br. s.s., 1,128, P. H. Rolfe, 5th Nov.—Manila 2nd Nov., Gen.—J., M. & Co.

Obay Fag, Br. s.s., 1,424, M. Courtney, 5th Nov.—Canton 4th Nov., Gen.—J., M. & Co.

Pakist, Ger. s.s., 1,714, G. Wenzel, 5th Nov.—Canton 4th Nov., Gen.—B. & S.

Heimann, Br. s.s., 641, J. W. Evans, 5th Nov.—Swatow 4th Nov., Gen.—D. L. & Co.

Triumph, Ger. s.s., 769, W. Langeweger, 5th Nov.—Kia Hon 2nd Nov., Salt.—J. & Co.

Shaohing, Br. s.s., 1,224, Laver, 5th Nov.—Wuhu 31st Oct., Rice.—B. & S.

DEPARTED.

Nov. 5.

Cenyo-maru, for San Francisco.

Haiphong, for Foochow.

Australia, for Yokohama.

Chihna, for Canton.

Hsin Kong, for Canton.

Kwai, for Canton.

Aradia, for Haiphong.

Pakist, for Newchwang.

Sabine Rickmers, for Swatow.

Yungking, for Haiphong.

Bohemia, for Shanghai.

Erroll, for Shanghai.

Taming, for Philippine Islands.

Erroll, for Shanghai.

Kitano-maru, for Straits.

Magellan, for Saigon.

Nitan, for Philippine Islands.

Haidis, for Straits.

PASSENGERS ARRIVED.

Per s.s. Kumchow, arrived 4th inst. from Saigon:—

Wilks, Mr. & Mrs. Montie

Per s.s. Kitano Maru, arrived 4th inst. from Yokohama:—

Bowling, Miss

Gibbs, L.

Carpenier, Miss E. Gibson, Mrs.

Hayashi, Mrs.

Cochrane, Miss M.

Newburgh, A. R.

Cole, C. W.

Eds, Miss M.

Eds, Mr. & Mrs. Poire, Mrs. T. M.

Eds, Mr. & Mrs. C. Turner, Mrs. P. C.

Gibbs, Miss N.

Wallace, Miss A.

Gibson, Capt. E. R.

Per s.s. Yuensang, arrived 5th inst. from Manila:—

Andra, Sister

Loach, Ned

Dining

McQuinn

Grant

Joynes, Sister

Poizat

Kilman, E. B.

Pleico

SHIPS PASSED THE CAVAL.

London, October 11.

Arrival from China.—Nelson.

The following vessels have passed the Canal:—Ajax, Antioch, Australia, Bohemia, Bremen, Cathay, Glenelg, Kaga Maru, Teanki, Voronej, York, Ocean Monarch.

London, October 15.

Arrivals from China.—Orammarth-shire, Kanara, Kamo Maru, Memnon.

The following vessels have passed the Canal:—B. Agaris, Dardanel, Glenelg, Liberia, Myrmidon, Prinz Ludwig, Sardalis, Assam, Tango Maru, Africa, Rheus.

London, October 18.

Arrivals from China.—Atholl, Bendoran, Glenelg, Kaga Maru, Waiman, Prinz Ludwig, Telemachus.

The following vessels have passed the Canal:—Persia, Gloria, Thesus, Yeddo, Deike Rickmers, Prentiss.

London, October 22.

Arrivals from China.—Aldous, Goldfields, Strathelyde, Antiochus.

The following vessels have passed the Canal:—Achilles, Penang, Calcutta, Taverlyde, Prince's Alice, Stella, Stentor, Alpin, Transglobe, Achilles, Baron Munk.

WEATHER REPORT.

On the 5th at 10.45.—Pressure has decreased considerably over N. Japan, a depression which formed over S.W. Manchuria yesterday having travelled rapidly to the N.E. of Hokkaido. It has increased considerably over N.E. China, an anticyclone being now central over the Gulf of Petchili.

Pressure has increased slightly over Formosa, N. Luzon; and along the coasts of S. China and Annam.

The typhoon in the China Sea has filled up.

The monsoon will freshen all along coast of China, but remain light to moderate over the N. China Sea.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 00.0 inches.

FORECAST FOR THE 24 HOURS ENDING AT NOON TO-MORROW.

District:—

1 Hongkong and Neighbourhood:—E. winds, light to moderate; fine.

2 Formosa Channel:—N.E. winds, freshening.

3 South coast of China between Hongkong and Lamook:—The same as No. 1.

4 South coast of China between H'kong and Hainan:—The same as No. 1.

GRISA COAST METEOROLOGICAL BUREAU.

5th November, a.m.

Station.

Hour.

Barometer.

Temperature.

Humidity.

Direction.

Force.

Weather.

Wootstock 7 a.

Nemuro 6 a. 29.75

Utsunomiya 29.81

Fukushima 30.04

Kochi 29.99

Nagasaki 30.01

R'abima 29.96

Oshima 29.99

Naha 30.03

Ishijima 30.01

Bonin Is. 30.01

Cheloo 30.01

W'haiwei 30.38 47.48

Hankow 30.38 47.48

Kiangling 30.38 47.48

Shanghai 30.38 47.48

Pootung 30.38 47.48

Sharp 7 a. 30.02 72.80

Amoy 6 a. 30.02 72.80

Swatow 7 a.

Taihook 6 a. 30.04

Yichu 30.08

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